

OUTLINES.

The State had nearly completed its case against the eight alleged night riders on trial at Union City, Tenn., when court adjourned yesterday. Col. Z. R. Taylor, a companion of Captain Rankin on the night of the murder, was the principal witness—Henry B. Suydam, a mining stock broker, was fatally shot in New York yesterday by John C. Lumsden, an inventor, and native of Raleigh, N. C.—Chief of Police Walter, McClintock, of Wytheville, Va., was killed in a pistol duel with E. A. Cregar, the latter also being shot to death by the chief after he had been mortally wounded—Work on the Holston River Railroad, the proposed trunk line through east Tennessee to the southwest Virginia coal field, will be resumed at once—Congress yesterday adjourned for the Christmas holidays, to meet January 4th—Secretary Root will resign from the cabinet if elected Senator by the New York Legislature—Timber men and those representing several other industries were before the Ways and Means Committee yesterday. Mr. Tift, of Georgia argued that the lumber schedule should not be disturbed—The defendants file their brief in the certiorari proceedings in the Federal Supreme court in the Standard Oil Indictment—The evidence in the Samuel Flannigan murder trial at Danville was concluded yesterday—Taft says he has taken no action toward choosing cabinet officers except to choose Senator Knox as Secretary of State—The National City Bank of New York yesterday transferred \$70,000,000 in currency and \$500,000,000 in currency from its old quarters to its new quarters—New York Market: Money on call nominal, time loans dull and steady. Cotton quiet, 10 points higher, middling uplands 9.20, middling Gulf 9.45, Flour dull and lower to sell. Wheat easy, No. 2 red 1.05 3/4 to 1.07 1/4 elevator. Corn easy, No. 2, 64 3/4 elevator. Oats spot steady, mixed 54 to 54 1/2. Rosin steady. Turpentine quiet.

Were those Congressmen laughing at the fable of the pot calling the kettle black?

Bonaparte had better find that law or he will be declared a failure as an Attorney General.

Those who joined the Ananias Club early are congratulating themselves on having missed the present rush.

Senator Platt is going to write his memoirs. Now we will know the truth about that alleged secret marriage.

"Sixteen hundred million dollars worth of corn," cries the Georgian, "Corn, corn everywhere and not a drop to drink."

If those lese majeste and libel prosecutions come off next Spring Roosevelt will probably postpone his trip to Africa.

Pulitzer butted in just in time to catch the lick from the big stick which was intended for another—the usual fate of all butters-in.

Attorney General Bonaparte is mighty slow in finding that constitutional provision for the punishment of lese majeste.

The News and Courier wants to know of Senator Foraker what interest Standard Oil has in the Brownsville affair.

Sixteen men were killed during the hunting season in Maine which closed last Tuesday. Almost as many probably, as the number of big game slaughtered.

Wonder if Roosevelt's secret service men were able to make a list of those Senators and Representatives who laughed? If so they will go on the roll of undesirable citizens.

The Monroe Enquirer says Representative Doughton is right when he says the next Legislature should be in session only 30 days. "But," it says, "the pay lasts sixty days."

We hope Foraker will not send a copy of all the proceedings in the Brownsville affair to the natives of Central Africa ahead of Roosevelt. That would be a mean retaliation.

Of course, the "I-told-you-so's" will say they knew all the time that Senator Knox would be Secretary of State. Now let them say what Southern man is to be in the Cabinet.

"And Mr. Roosevelt has given Congress another message," wrote the editor of the Greenville Reflector for his paper of last Thursday, and by the time it got to its readers there had been several more sent in.

The Greensboro Telegram notes that the people of Venezuela waited until Castro got across the ocean before they rose against him. How about Castro getting across the ocean before the threatened storm broke?

COURT IS ADJOURNED

Ses. in This City Ended Out of Respect to Late Judge Purnell.

NON-SUIT IN LAND CASE

Commission of Judge Waddill Expired With Death of Regular Presiding Officer—Leave for Raleigh to Attend Funeral.

The Fall term of the United States District and Circuit Courts, which has been in session at Wilmington during the past week, came to a sad and rather unexpected end upon convening yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock when District Attorney Harry Skinner very feelingly announced the death of Judge Thomas R. Purnell at his home in Raleigh.

He moved at once for an adjournment out of respect to the dead jurist for whom Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., of Virginia, was even then presiding and this action was immediately taken, a non suit having been taken in the case on trial. Judge Waddill's commission having expired with the death of the regular judge for whom he was acting. The court was in the midst of the trial of the land suit involving the title to a part of the Government reservation at Fort Caswell on which two entire days had been spent. Regret was expressed that the case could not be taken up after the adjournment of a reasonable length of time in honor of Judge Purnell, but as stated, Judge Waddill's commission expired with the death of the jurist for whom he was acting and there was no alternative to non-suiting and allowing the case to go over to next term, which will be some time in the Spring and by which time it is expected that Judge Purnell's successor will be named. Judge Waddill and various members of the bar in the court room remarked feelingly upon the death of the presiding judge, the news of which came to the court entirely unexpected. While it was known that Judge Purnell's condition was critical and that he lay with a fatal disease, it had been hoped that his life might be prolonged.

Col. Harry Skinner, District Attorney, Mr. J. A. Giles, Assistant District Attorney, United States Marshal Claudius Dockery and other court officers left last evening for Raleigh to attend the funeral of Judge Purnell this afternoon. Judge Waddill expressed a desire to accompany the officers of the court to Raleigh for the obsequies but during the day received a telegram from Mrs. Waddill which would have necessitated his return to Norfolk in any event.

CLARKTON EXPRESS SUSPENDS.

Editor Johnston Gives Up a Successful but Unequal Fight. (Special Star Correspondence.)

Clarkton, N. C., Dec. 19.—The Clarkton Express, owned and edited at this place for the past seven years by Mr. A. C. Johnson, has suspended publication. This suspension is caused by the very poor collections during the past year. The editor has seen for several weeks that it would be necessary to stop the paper, but had hoped to run till the first of the year anyway. A bad break in the press just as the current issue was being completed caused it to suspend rather suddenly.

Bladen county has been a graveyard for newspapers. Probably half a dozen have been started in the county, but the Express is the only one that has ever lived over two years. The county will now have no paper at all.

Mr. Johnston will very probably continue in the newspaper business, but has not yet decided where he will locate.

PURCHASES PROPERTY

Handsome Residences to be Erected at Corner of Fifth and Dock.

By deed filed for record yesterday, Mrs. Mary E. Northrop and others and Colonel John D. Taylor, trustee, transferred to Mrs. Warren G. Elliott, Jr., for \$3,000, the valuable building sites at southeast corner of Fifth and Dock streets, 50 feet on south side of Dock street, and extending along Fifth street, 82 1/2 feet. It is understood that Mr. Elliott has sold half of the lot to Mr. Fred W. Dick and that two pretty residences will be erected on the sites at once. The building will begin early in the new year.

Visiting Ministers to Preach Today.

Rev. L. L. Nash, D. D., pastor of St. John's Church, Gibson, N. C., is in the city a guest of his daughter, Mrs. E. N. Penny, No. 422 South Front street, and will preach this morning at Trinity M. E. Church at 11 A. M., and at Grace Church this evening at the usual hour. Rev. J. W. Potter, a former pastor, recently assigned by the Conference to the church at Edenton, N. C., will preach at 7:30 o'clock this evening at Trinity church. Rev. Mr. Potter is a guest of his sister, Mrs. W. J. Penny, No. 15 South Eighth street.

Orrell Livery Company will do their best to please you and will appreciate your patronage.

WORKED CLEVER SWINDLE

White Man 'Phoned Small Order to Drug Store, Asked for Change and Then Disappeared From Colored Messenger.

A clever swindle, not entirely new to other cities in the State, but never worked before in Wilmington, according to the recollection of the police, was successfully executed last night about 10 o'clock as the result of which Schutt's Pharmacy, Second and Princess streets, is short \$9.25 in cash and 75 cents in druggists' sundries.

Shortly before the hour named the Pharmacy was called up by telephone, ostensibly by a resident at No. 115 North Third street, which is nearly opposite the City Hall, and an order for 75 cents worth of toilet articles and sundries was given by the man at the other end, who stated that he could not leave home during the evening and asked that the order be sent up with change for \$10 so that the messenger could be paid for the goods on delivery. The order over the 'phone gave every evidence of good faith and Mr. Schutt did not hesitate to give Frank Hopkins, a small colored boy in the store, the articles and the change, instructing him to deliver the goods and accept the \$10 bill in exchange for the package and the difference in amount which he gave him. The boy went up to the residence stated and was met at the gate by the supposed man of the house, who asked the boy if he had brought the order and the change. The boy was, of course, taken entirely unawares and delivered the goods and the change to the man, who stated that he would go in the house and bring the \$10 bill. Instead of going in at the front he passed through the alley to the side, ostensibly going the back way. While the boy waited and the man did not return his face became more and more a blank and finally he summoned courage to go inside the residence and found to his dismay that no such person lived there and no order had been given for drugs or anything else. The man, who is described as a well dressed young fellow, heavy set and with light hat, had evidently picked out the residence as affording excellent opportunities to make the get-away by the alley leading through the block to Second street. The matter was reported to the police and every investigation was made to find whence the order had been 'phoned but all efforts failed.

ANOTHER BIG OFFERING.

Crystal Palace Has Something Delightful and Novel This Week.

Even though the early part of the present week is considered a "bad time" by the theatrical "profess," being just before Christmas and when folks are hustle and bustle shopping, yet the Crystal Palace will not lessen in the slightest in the way of fine and expensive vaudeville offering, while also making big preparations for a festive Xmas day. The bill this week, commencing with matinee tomorrow afternoon, will be made-up of all well known actors and the programme will be a novel one and of splendid variety. Malin and Melin will be on the list and this clever duo will be seen in their well known sketch called "The Bohemian Gypsies" and in which William Malin will be heard in superb violin-cello selections. The Maxwell Sisters, charming appearing, sweet singing and dainty dancing young women, will also be on the bill. Others will include Peter F. Muller, the popular Hebrew comedian and Miss Claudine Muller in a line of new illustrated songs.

SEARCHING FOR NEGRO.

Efforts Being Made to Apprehend Miscreant Who Insulted Lady.

Resulting from the gross insult offered by a negro man to a Mrs. Oldham on Greenville Sound early Friday night and the negro later defending himself against the vengeance of her husband by threatening his life with a pistol, caused somewhat of a stir in that locality, and persistent efforts are still being made to locate the negro.

Soon after the affair occurred Constable Savage was notified and while officers have been unable to get him, they are confident of the person wanted. Mr. Oldham, after he had been driven away at the point of a pistol, returned home and with a party of citizens went on a search for the negro, who had hurriedly made his escape. The negro was recognized by Mr. Oldham, who furnished a good description of him. He would have undoubtedly been handled roughly if apprehended by the party of searchers and he may yet be caught by the officers.

For Men Only.

"For Men Only" is the caption of an advertisement of the Crescent Candy Company elsewhere in today's paper. It is directed to the lovers of a good smoke and serves to introduce in verse the famous "Rugby" cigar for which the Crescent Candy Company is the wholesale distributor in this territory. Wednesday's paper will give names of dealers who sell Rugby Cigars and give away Rugby football pins, which have become all the craze in the city of late.

Free turkeys again this week at the Crystal Palace.

JUDGE PURNELL DEAD

Presiding Officer of Eastern District United States Courts Passed Away Yesterday.

FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON

Long and Distinguished Judicial Career—Had Served in Various Public Capacities—Once Lived in Wilmington.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19.—Hon. Thomas R. Purnell, judge of the United States district and circuit courts, Eastern District of North Carolina, died this morning at 7:30 o'clock, at his home here aged 63 years, after a protracted illness of cancer of the kidney and liver. He had been steadily failing for several weeks and the end was not unexpected, although the report of his death, as it spread about the city, came as a shock and elicited expressions of sincere regret from many friends. The funeral will be held from the Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal) at 3:15 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, the interment in Oakwood cemetery.

Judge Purnell was born in Halifax county, of prominent parentage, his father having been a successful lawyer, and his mother a sister of Governor Dudley. He was yet a school boy when the Civil War broke out, but volunteered, serving in the English Corps, Confederate Army. At the close of the war he pursued the study of law in Wilmington and began the practice of his profession there. In 1869 he located in Winston as a practicing lawyer and later married Miss Zeverly, a daughter of Dr. A. T. Zeverly.

In 1873 he received the appointment from Governor Caldwell as State Librarian and moved to Raleigh, where he has since lived. At the close of his term as State Librarian he resumed the practice of law, was appointed United States Commissioner, serving in this connection, along with his law practice, for quite a number of years. He was active in Republican politics, being elected three times to the State Legislature, twice to the House of Representatives and once in the Senate, from Wake county. He was a Presidential elector in 1892. It is a notable fact, too, that in 1874 he was on the Republican State ticket as candidate for State superintendent of public instruction, being defeated by Steven D. Pool.

The appointment as United States judge came in 1897 at the death of Judge A. S. Seymour, for many years one of the most honored judges of the United States district and circuit bench.

Judge Purnell's career on the bench has been characterized by a remarkably few reversals of his opinions by the higher courts. In three instances the circuit court of appeals reversed him and later the United States Supreme Court sustained him. There have been few instances of special note in his official course. His imprisonment of Editor Josephus Daniels of the News and Observer, Raleigh, for alleged contempt of court and the subsequent release of Mr. Daniels on appeal to Judge J. C. Pritchard stirred one decided sensation in the State, and another was his appointment of V. E. McBee, receiver of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railway Co., (State property) during the administration of Chas. B. Aycock as Governor, and the subsequent arrest of McBee and others at the instance of Governor Aycock on a bench warrant from Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the State Supreme Court, on the charge of conspiracy to wreck State property.

During the time that Judge Purnell has been in failing health his courts have been held by Judge Boyd, of the Western Carolina district, and Judge Waddill, of the Eastern district of Virginia.

Mrs. Purnell died last September. The judge is survived by one son, James McKee Purnell, student at Bingham School, and three daughters, Mrs. James McKee, Jr., Raleigh, Mrs. Herbert Drewry, Norfolk, and Mrs. Robert Ridley, Portsmouth, Va.

RED CROSS WORK.

Conditions Sought to be Remedied by Self-Sacrificing Workers.

Illustrative of the terrible conditions which their present efforts are designed to correct, the Star is publishing elsewhere in today's paper a communication from Rev. Thos. P. Noe, prepared at the request of the local branch of the Red Cross Society. Mr. Noe gives intimate knowledge of conditions as they exist in Wilmington, not in some remote part of the country, and when it is known that the work of the local branch of the Red Cross Society is for the correction of these evils right here in Wilmington, their cause will appeal more strongly to the people of this city.

Everyone may help and help effectively by the use of the Red Cross stamps which are on sale at all drug and book stores and at the Woman's Exchange.

Xmas slippers at Peterson & Rulfs, thu-su-thu.

PURSE THIEVES AT WORK

Two Outrageous Occurrences by Negroes on the Street Last Night. One of the Number Caught and Locked Up.

As is usually the case about this season of the year when the streets are lined with holiday shoppers, principally ladies, snatch thieves begin their depredations and two especially outrageous occurrences came to the notice of the police early last night.

Shortly before 7 o'clock a lady was passing along Ann street, between Fourth and Fifth, nearly in front of Union School, when a half-grown negro, afterwards captured and identified as Richard Reaves, made a motion as if to stumble in front of the lady and caught her by the ankle, ostensibly to trip her and cause her to drop a purse and packages which she carried. The young negro all but succeeded but the lady screamed and regaining her footing, ran into the residence of Mr. J. B. Huff, on the corner. Mr. Huff and others quickly ran out and captured the negro in the vicinity. At first he stoutly denied any knowledge of the outrage but later to Policeman M. P. Newton, who was summoned from the station, he admitted his guilt and excused himself with the statement that he had stooped down to tie his shoe lace and unwittingly fell forward against the lady. He was locked up at the police station where the case will be vigorously prosecuted before the Mayor tomorrow at noon.

About 9 o'clock last night there was some excitement at Front and Grace streets when a lady screamed and persons in the vicinity, who rushed to her assistance, found that a negro had snatched her purse and a small package from her hand and made off with it. Several persons gave chase to the negro and ran him up an alley near Gaylord's store, but he succeeded in evading his pursuers. The lady left without giving her identity or the extent of her loss but later reported to the police station as Mrs. R. J. Darden, No. 411 North Fourth street. Mrs. Darden stated that she had just stepped from a street car when the negro snatched the purse, leaving the handle on her wrist and taking the package also. She describes the negro as being grown but still quite young. The police have no clue to the thief.

THE SOUTHERN LIFE

Manager Cooper Makes Statement in Regard to Columbia Charge.

The Star is in receipt of a letter from Mr. C. J. Cooper, general manager and treasurer of the Southern Life Insurance Company, of Fayetteville, N. C., in which he says that the charges that exorbitant commissions were paid on recent sale of a block of stock to the Seminole Securities Co., upon which the company is cited to appear before the Insurance Commissioner of South Carolina and show cause why its license should not be revoked to do business in that State, are false and that not one cent of the commissions was paid to any officer of the Southern Life Insurance Company directly or indirectly and never was expected or intended so to be paid. The Star is very glad indeed to reiterate this statement in behalf of a company composed of some of the best business men in this section of the State, whose integrity is beyond question in the face of so-called charges from any source.

Married in Baltimore.

Miss Juliette M. Hart, daughter of Mrs. J. M. Hart, and Mr. Harry S. Styron, of Wilmington, were married in Baltimore, Md., at the residence of Cardinal Gibbons, by Rev. Father Stickney, on Nov. 23rd. Instead of St. Mary's, Washington, as was announced. The bridal party returned to Washington, D. C., where a reception was given in their honor by Mr. and Mrs. D. Knowlton, 916 Westminster street, N. W. The bride's gown was a lace robe over Duchess satin, the veil being caught up with orange blossoms and a coronet of pearls, a gift of the groom. They received many beautiful presents and will make their future home in Washington, where Mr. Styron has a position with the government. The young couple have a host of friends in Wilmington, who wish them a long and prosperous journey through life.

Basket Ball Games.

Two interesting games of basket ball were played at the Y. M. C. A. last night. Capt. Thees' team being defeated by that of Capt. McCellan, 13 to 7. The captains, respectively, played guard; W. L. King and Morris forwards; Rutledge centre and LeMoyn guard for the first named, and Woolcott and Silverman forwards and McKay, L. B., centre for the winners. The second game resulted 10 to 9 for Capt. Burkhardt over Capt. Hanson. Burkhardt and Howes played guards, Parker centre and Newkirk and Fill-yaw forwards for the winners; Hanson and White forwards, Andrews and Brinkley guards and Ahrens centre for the vanquished.

Special Service at Southside.

The pastor will read and explain the church covenant at special services at Southside Baptist Church today at 11 A. M. Short talks will be made by Messrs. J. F. Littleton, R. B. Moore, John Thomas, J. D. Fales, W. H. Peterson, J. H. Holton and A. L. Vann on different phases of church work. The usual service will be held at 7:30 P. M.

AFFAIRS IN RALEIGH

Board of Directors of North Carolina State Fair in Session Yesterday.

THE VACANT JUDGESHIP

Several Names Mentioned as Possible Successor to Judge Purnell. May Invite Taft to Address State Legislature.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19.—The Board of Directors of the North Carolina State Fair in session here today, passed a resolution directing the secretary to correspond with the secretaries of all other fairs in the State with a view to preventing conflict in dates such as seriously hampered the Greensboro and the State fairs last October.

The financial report of the secretary, Colonel J. E. Pogue, showed the last fair highly successful from a financial as well as all other viewpoints, although the profits were not so large as they would have been without the Greensboro-Raleigh date conflict. A legislative committee consisting of Secretary Pogue; Judge Walter Clark, Colonel J. S. Cunningham, Person county; J. C. L. Harriss, Raleigh; F. B. Arendell, Raleigh; C. M. Basse, Raleigh, and N. B. Broughton, Raleigh, was named to secure certain legislation including some appropriations wanted. It was ordered that area of the enclosure for the fair grounds be extended before the next fair. Out-of-town members of the board here for the meeting were J. VanIndley, Guilford; H. A. London, Pittsboro; Geo. L. Morlon, Wilmington; C. W. Johnston, Chapel Hill; J. W. Myatt, Clayton.

A commission is issued for A. O. Clement as second lieutenant, Company E, Second Regiment, Goldsboro.

Much discussion is heard the past few days of the idea of an invitation being sent from Governor-elect Kitchen, Retiring Governor Glenn and the members of the Legislature to President-elect William H. Taft for him to come to Raleigh from Augusta where he is to spend the Winter and deliver an address before the members of the General Assembly. Prominent Democrats in and out of Raleigh believe non-political lines could be observed in such a visit so that much benefit would accrue to the Legislature and the State at large.

Discussion here as to the probable successor of Judge Purnell centers upon Colonel Harry Skinner, ex-Judge Timberlake and Iredell Meares, as the strongest candidates for appointment with the chances favoring Colonel Skinner. In that event, many are discussing the situation and believe Colonel Skinner's successor as District Attorney will be either Iredell Meares or H. F. Sewall, of Carthage. It is believed the appointments will be made not later than Monday or Tuesday.

Asked last night if he were a candidate for the appointment of United States District Judge to succeed the late Judge Purnell, Mr. Meares said: "No public mention of my name in relation to the appointment has been at my wish or suggestion and I deem any discussion of the matter indecorous until at least the dead jurist has been laid to rest."

Asked as to the mention of his name in Raleigh dispatches with reference to the district attorneyship, Mr. Meares replied that that office not being vacant, he had no statement to make.

TIDEWATER CO. WINS.

Damage Suit for \$10,000 Decided Against the Plaintiff.

A damage suit of some consequence, which involved the Tidewater Power Company in a suit for \$10,000 for personal injury was disposed of in Sampson county court last week when the court sustained a motion to non-suit the plaintiff, C. F. McMillan, of Clinton.

The suit was instituted April 6th 1906, in Sampson county but originated in this city. The plaintiff was a passenger on a city car and asked to be put off on Fourth street between Swan and Nixon, where he alighted, and claimed he fell and sustained serious injury by the car moving off before he had safely landed.

Witnesses from Wilmington, who attended the trial were Captain W. F. Corbett, Dr. J. B. Cramer and Conductors A. J. Flowers and R. E. Williams. Thomas W. Davis, Esq., appeared in behalf of the company.

Tomorrow at the Bijou.

"His Own Son," a heart story of exceptional interest, replete with stirring and intense incidents, will be the new film at the Bijou tomorrow afternoon and evening. It is the story of a second-story cracksmen and kidnaper, Bill Kenare, and there will be 15 scenes, each of which is stirring.

Cars to the Beach.

Today cars to the beach every half hour in the afternoon.

Free turkeys again this week at the Crystal Palace.

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PERSONALITY OF THE TARIFF.

From his own standpoint that was a very clever plea Judge Garey, chairman of the board of directors of the Steel Corporation, put up before the Ways and Means Committee why there should be no reduction of the tariff on steel. He should have started out by quoting from Schwab that he was speaking in behalf of the manufacturers and not of the consumers. Because the producers of the free trade countries of Europe do certain things he thinks there should be kept up a high tariff in this country in order that our manufacturers may recoup loss in profits in their competition in Europe with the manufacturers there by charging home consumers a higher price than would be charged but for the protection the tariff affords them.

Judge Garey does not see why any railroad should not pay \$28 a ton for steel rails if it can afford to pay \$25 for the same; in fact he says no railroad would refuse to do so. His whole argument and line of testimony was based on the idea that the government should force the consumers of the products of the Steel Corporation to pay more than those products were worth, based on cost of production with fair profit added. That, however, is the whole theory of protective tariff—the tax of the many for the benefit of the few. In nearly every article on the tariff schedule the tax is placed on the millions of consumers to put extra profits into the pockets of the hundreds of producers, and whenever the question of reduction of the tariff is raised the individual producers bob up and each for himself asks that exception be made in favor of his particular product, and thus is formed a demand, selfish and individual, asking for high tariff on different articles, which when put together amounts to a general demand of producers for a high tariff whereby the consumers may be made to pay higher prices than would be charged but for the keeping out of foreign competition by the high tariff.

THE RIGHT MOVE.

The people of our city will be glad to learn, as they read in the Star yesterday, that the Chamber of Commerce of this city is taking steps to show to the management of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad the interest our business men are taking in the opening of this line and that they appreciate the importance to the city of the new route to the coal fields and to the commercial centers of the West. Ever since the certainty of the early opening of this line was assured the Star has urged its importance to our city, and those who have read the paper closely can testify to the fact that we have time and again, in season and out of season, urged recognition of this fact by the business men of our city. We have labored to the best of our ability to arouse public enthusiasm over the opening of this new line. We are glad to know that steps along the line suggested by us have been taken, whether the result of our persistent efforts or not. So the thing is done and Wilmington gets the benefit of it we care not to whom the credit belongs. We hope the Chamber of Commerce will not let its present enthusiasm die out, but will continue to keep before the people the importance of this new connection to the West as well as to take such course as will favorably impress the management of the road with our city. In these matters we pledge the hearty co-operation of this paper.

A SUGGESTIVE CARTOON.

Berryman for the Washington Star has cartooned—if we may be allowed to use the expression—the situation over the secret service section of the President's annual message to Congress. Three persons are represented, two sitting at a table playing cards and the third standing by. At the table are Roosevelt, holding his cards in his hands, the backs showing the words: "Secret service reports." Opposite to him is Mr. House of Representatives, who has thrown his cards on the table, backs up, which show the word "Resolution" and he "calls" the President. The third person represents the Senate. He is looking at Mr. Roosevelt's cards over the latter's shoulder, with a very inquisitive expression of countenance, and is saying: "I think I'll take a look." The

expression on Roosevelt's face is one of extreme satisfaction, while that of his opponent in the game is one of expectation, combined with anxiety. The cartoon is one of the best of Berryman's many good ones on political situations.

Woman's Home Companion in all of its twelve issues during the year just closing kept up its reputation as an ideal home magazine; but the number for January of the new year, which is just to hand indicates that the past high-water mark for excellence will be passed in 1909. The illustrations are profuse and many of them beautiful, and the reading matter is all that could be desired in this class of publication. It is published by the Crowell Publishing Company, Metropolitan Annex Building, Madison Square, New York, at the price of 15 cents a copy, or \$1.25 a year.

With a deficit now existing in the National Treasury and a still greater one in prospect, couldn't our Governmental financiers learn something from our neighbor Republic just to the south of us? The Mexican treasury contains a surplus of \$18,000,000 and the budget for the coming year provides for an excess of receipts over disbursements of \$325,000. These are small figures compared with those handled by the experts of the Treasury Department in Washington, but they are more satisfactory because they show the balance in the right column.

The Star is under obligations to the Ennis Publishing Company, of Raleigh, for a copy of the old reliable Turner's Almanac for 1909. It is now called, as it has been for some years, the Turner-Ennis North Carolina Almanac, and is the same old reliable almanac that has been issued annually for the last 72 years. Next to the Bible, this book is highly valued in many North Carolina households. The price is ten cents per copy.

Wouldn't it be well for county sheriffs to employ as deputies the internal revenue men who will lose their jobs January 1st? They seem to have a better nose for blockade stills than the class of deputies heretofore employed.

When Raleigh gets her government by commission we hope there will be less kicking against the administration of that city's affairs. The readers outside of the city of the Raleigh papers have gotten mighty tired of that kind of stuff.

Unless the defense has some very strong evidence in contradiction of that of the prosecution it looks like some of those Tennessee night riders now on trial will see the inside of a penitentiary pretty soon.

If an ordinary man calls you an infamous liar thrash him—if you can; but if the President of the United States does so publish the fact broadcast; that's a progressive method of increasing business.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—We have often asserted that a man will steal liquor when he will not steal anything else—not even money. Major Jenkins, of South Carolina sent President Roosevelt a gallon of what he called pure South Carolina corn whiskey last week, but it has never reached its destination and probably never will. But what do you think of a man who will steal South Carolina corn whiskey?—Greensboro Record.

—Without respect for the law society soon approaches a state bordering on anarchy. There must be like-wise respect for those who administer the law. This has been wholly wanting in the wielder of a bloody bludgeon, an autocratic dictator, one who has arrogated to himself all the functions of government and who has thereby wildly assailed the very foundations of republican institutions. Respect for the law must be maintained.—Pittsburg Post.

—We do not believe it is a crime wave that is sweeping the country, but we do believe that crime is on the increase in the United States. The papers each day contain more accounts of murders than at any time in years. The cause of so many homicides, it is claimed, is due to the fact that American juries so often fail to convict. Whatever the cause it is very necessary that something be done in the matter to the end that human life may be held as sacred as the life of an ordinary bird dog.—Winston Journal.

—That grave abuse and danger attend the administration of justice in the United States—particularly in the employment of the equity power and the light way in which the acts of Congress and State legislators are often set aside—we shall hardly undertake to question. Perhaps it is in

order for the head of a co-ordinate branch of the government to address himself in this way to the courts, and perhaps this is the way to correct the abuses described, and arrest the danger. But we doubt it. The propriety of it all, however, is much less open to question than the ineffectiveness of it.—Springfield Republican.

—Some one, without the fear of the law before his eyes or regard for man in his heart, stole a turkey from the editor of The Lancaster News a few nights ago. The editor of the News said: "The consummate scoundrel who swiped the editor's only turkey is deserving a worse fate than those doomed to writhe and wriggle through the countless ages of eternity in the storm centre of hades." Now, that's what the News man said in his paper, but what he said with his mouth—oh, well, good as you are, gentle reader, you would say things too under such circumstances.—Monroe Journal.

—If the statistics of the Federal Bureau of Labor are to be relied on, this country is paying a heavy price in human life for the carrying on of the various operations of production and commerce which may be comprehended under the term of "Business." The most recent bulletin from the Bureau contains some startling figures which go to show that "fair, delightful Peace" slays her thousands and tens of thousands with a regularity which should greatly temper our horror of "war." According to the official computation, between thirty and thirty-five thousand workmen are done to death by accident during each year on the railroads and in the mines and factories of the United States; that is almost three thousand a month, barely short of one hundred a day.—Virginian-Pilot.

—Give Mississippi her due. She has sent her latest gentlemanly murderer to the penitentiary for life with a speeding of justice worthy of New Jersey. He had killed his man and pleaded guilty and entered the door of the prison for the rest of his days all inside of a week. Punishment so swift and severe ought to stay the hand of any member of one of the first families of Mississippi with an impulse toward his hip pocket. The blow thus dealt for the protection of human life so happens to fall in the family of the woman slayer pardoned by the barbaric Vardaman and so is a true and doubly telling retribution of justice. Mississippi deserves the congratulation of the more orderly States for her prompt obedience to duty and their prayers that she may hold the man in the penitentiary long enough to serve as a warning.—Baltimore Star.

TWINKLINGS.

—Commissioner—Don't you feel the need of uplift? Native—When we do we go out and lynch somebody.—New York Sun.

—Does your husband enjoy his home? "Yes—whenever I want him to take me to the theatre!"—Cleveland Leader.

—She—They say there are germs in kisses. Now, what do you suppose a girl could catch that way? He—A husband.—Philadelphia Record.

—A real widow may not be as wise as a grass widow, but she knows where her husband is when it comes night.—January Smart Set.

—Rusticus—If you once try living in the country, you'll never live any place else. Urban—That's right. You'll never be able to sell your house.—Cleveland Leader.

—First Amateur—What on earth are you going to do with those shears? Second Amateur—The captain told me to trim the jib sheet.—Philadelphia Ledger.

—Little Wife—Granddad, what makes a man always give a woman a diamond engagement ring? Grandfather—The woman.—Philadelphia Enquirer.

—Raynor—Ever do anything for your hair? Shyne (who has a rapidly growing bald spot)—Yes, I mourn for it occasionally, but what good does that do?—Chicago Tribune.

—"Why so sorrowful, girl?" "We have parted forever. He writes me to send back the ring." "Tell him to call for it," advised the experienced friend.—Kansas City Journal.

—Stranger—I'd like to have my measure taken for a \$65 suit of clothes. Tailor (eying him)—I've taken your measure, sir. You'll pay in advance.—Kansas City Independent.

—"Please, suh," asked little Eph'm of his Sunday school teacher; "please, suh, huc-come Pontius Pilate got sich er cu-cious name?" "Punchius Pilate, ma boy," Mr. Blackburn replied with profound dignity, "was so called because he wuz a man ob generous propo-tions."—Harper's Weekly.

Emperor William has become a teetotaler, according to a semi-official announcement from the Potsdam Palace. He has pledged himself to abstain from all alcoholic drinks for the rest of his life. The temperance element of the German nation is joyously acclaiming the Emperor's new departure.

Would Mortgage the Farm. A farmer on Rural Route 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw: one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

ROOT AND THE SENATORSHIP.

The Secretary to Resign From the Cabinet if Elected Senator. (By Wire to the Morning Star.) Washington, Dec. 19.—At the White House this evening Secretary Loeb, when asked regarding the report that Secretary of State Root was soon to resign, said that Mr. Root probably would tender his resignation to the President if he should be elected to the United States Senate by the New York Legislature which meets on January 16th.

In the event of Mr. Root's resignation before the expiration of his term, Mr. Loeb said the post of Secretary of State probably would be offered to Assistant Secretary of State Bacon to fill out the remainder of the term. Both Secretary of State Root and Assistant Secretary Bacon positively decline to discuss either the resignation reports or the rumor that Mr. Bacon would be appointed to a diplomatic mission in Mr. Taft's administration.

A SHORT DAY IN CONGRESS.

Both Houses Rush Business For Holiday Adjournment.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.) Washington, Dec. 19.—After passing a bill granting to the Southern Pacific railroad company a right of way across the Fort Mason military reservation in California, the House of Representatives today on motion of Mr. Payne, adjourned at 12:14 P. M. until Monday, January 4, 1909.

The Senate. A brief session of the Senate today was devoted to routine business in accordance with the agreement reached before the adjournment last Thursday. Several messages on minor legislation were received from the President and bills and other measures were introduced. At 12:50 o'clock the Senate adjourned until January 4th, 1909.

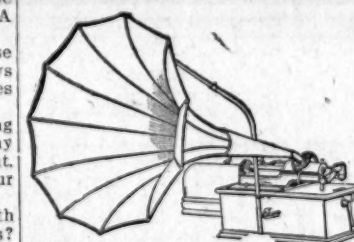
The fourteen members of the House Committee on Inter-State and Foreign Commerce who are going to Panama to investigate the canal work will sail from Charleston, S. C., on Monday, December 28th on the Panama line steamer Allanca which leaves New York December 26th. The members will go to Charleston by rail.

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HAPPENINGS AND DOINGS

IN SOCIETY

By M. H.

Miss Elise Emerson spent several days in Richmond, Va., during the past week.

Mrs. John M. Walker spent several days in Washington, D. C., where she was the guest of relatives.

Miss Atha Hicks and Miss Bessie Albright are visiting the Misses Kenly at their home at Lake Waccamaw.

Miss Rosa Heath and Miss Sarah Jones, of Asheville, will arrive shortly to spend the Christmas holidays as the guests of Miss Helen Strange.

Miss Marguerite Short is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. B. Skelding, at her home on South Third street. Miss Short has but recently arrived from New York City, where she was the guest of relatives.

The numerous friends of Captain Robert P. Johnston, of Asheville, who for several years was a resident of Wilmington, were delighted to see him in the city during the past week, where he came for a short visit.

Friends of Mrs. Archie Cannon and little daughter, will regret to learn that they left during the past week for their home in Concord, N. C., after a pleasant visit of several weeks to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Borden.

Mrs. Charles E. Borden, of Richmond, Va., arrived during the past week to visit her parents, Colonel and Mrs. John D. Taylor, at their home on Orange street. Her many friends are glad to learn that she will spend the holidays in Wilmington.

Already the students from the various colleges are beginning to return to their homes to spend the yuletide season. Messrs. Louis Polson, Tooley, and Hal Boatwright having arrived during the past week, where they are being warmly welcomed by their many friends.

Invitations were received by friends in this city on Tuesday last to a party which will be given by Misses Susie and Etta Brand at their attractive home on Chesnut street, on the evening of the thirtieth of December. Those invited are looking forward with much pleasure to this pleasurable occasion.

Rev. J. Marvin Culbreth and his bride, formerly Miss Bessie Trawick, of Nashville, Tenn., are guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. McGee, Sr., in Raleigh. It is a pleasure to Mr. Culbreth's friends to know he will again be in the North Carolina Conference. He goes to the Methodist church at Smithfield.

Miss Fannie Williams has moved up from Masonboro Sound, where she has been spending the summer and early winter, and has opened her attractive home on South Fifth street. Misses Nannie and Marguerite Holladay also accompanied their aunt. Their many friends are delighted to learn that they have returned to the city.

It is a matter of great pleasure to the many friends of Mrs. B. Maurice Chiswell, of Washington, D. C., to learn that she arrived in the city during the past week accompanied by her little son, Master William Bellamy Chiswell, to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. William J. H. Bellamy.

The many friends in this city of Miss Louise Lamar, of Monte Chello, Fla., will be delighted to learn that she is expected to arrive on Monday to visit Miss Jane Meares. Miss Lamar has visited Wilmington on several different occasions, and has made many friends who are delighted to learn that she is to spend the Christmas holidays in this city.

Mr. Harold M. Chase delightfully entertained a number of his friends at a most enjoyable luncheon during the past week, at his residence at Blewett's Falls, when a party of ladies and gentlemen of this city were present. Mr. Chase in his genial manner, proved his ability as a most delightful host, and his gracious manner is an assurance of the pleasure of his guests.

Quite a large party came to the city on Tuesday evening on board the "Madeleine" from Fort Caswell to witness the production of "The Prisoner of Zenda" by Mr. James K. Hackett, at the Academy of Music. Those in the party were Captain Hancock, Mrs. Hancock, Captain Hasbrouck, Lieutenant McCleary and wife, Lieutenant Edward, Chaplain Kunze. The party returned to the Fort immediately after the play, leaving the city about 12 o'clock.

The following invitation, which has been received by friends, will be read with interest throughout the State:

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander James McKinnon request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their niece Katie Clarence Thompson

to Mr. John Franklin McLean on Wednesday afternoon, the thirtieth of December, at half past five o'clock St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church South Maxton, North Carolina.

"Here's to dear Old Dixie, Drink her down, drink her down, The Land of beauty, chivalry, And honor and renown!" This little toast has become so popular in our Southland, that an effort

has been made to discover who is the author of this appropriate verse, which so aptly expresses the sentiment of every true Southerner. If any one can tell us who composed this little stanza, they would greatly oblige an old subscriber to this paper, who is particularly anxious to obtain the information.

A large congregation was present to attend the beautiful cantata, "The Ten Virgins," by Alfred Gaul, at St. James' church, on Wednesday evening, which was sweetly rendered by the choir assisted by many voices from other choirs in the city. Mr. George L. Johnson, the choir-master, deserves much credit, not only for his own beautiful rendition of the difficult music, but for the wonderful training which he has displayed in training the choir to render so perfectly this beautiful composition. It is sincerely hoped that this is but one of many cantatas to be rendered by this choir and the other trained voices, and that Wilmington people will often be afforded an opportunity to listen to beautiful, uplifting music.

Hallsville, N. C., Dec. 15.—Today at 12:30 o'clock the beautiful home marriage of Miss Kate Middleton and Mr. W. D. Wells, of Wallace, N. C., was celebrated. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. P. M. Currie, of Wallace, assisted by Rev. L. E. Wells, of Teachey's. The home was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Miss Delilah Cooper presided at the organ and Miss Mattie Ricket played the accompaniment on the violin. The bride was gowned in a handsome blue traveling suit and wore a beautiful diamond brooch, the wedding present of the groom. Miss Middleton is one of Duplin's most attractive, cultured and popular young ladies. She is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Middleton. Her father is one of the county's wealthiest and most influential citizens. The groom, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Wells, of Wallace, is a very successful business man. Following the marriage a delightful reception was tendered the bridal party after which the bride and groom drove to the station where they took the train on a two weeks' trip to Florida and other Southern States. Among those present from a distance were Mrs. Julia Wells, mother of the groom, Mrs. David Newkirk, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boney, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wells, Messrs. Leslie Boney, E. G. Wells, Albert Herring and J. G.

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The Quest of Truth.
It is a good deal easier to poke fun at history than to write history meriting credence. Mr. Bodley when writing his "France" experienced the force of this in a curious way. He shut himself up in France for years to get the atmosphere and the knowledge necessary for his work. One of his trials arose over some question of electoral jurisprudence. It was not of international importance, but still interesting to students of comparative procedure. Therefore he wrote to a deputy who is a parliamentary expert to clear up the obscurity in which the text books involve the point and incorporated his reply in the text of the book. Later, being invited by an experienced mayor to be present at a poll over which he presided, Mr. Bodley put the question to him and received a quite different reply. Finally the author referred the point to a senator of indisputable authority, who showed that the deputy and the mayor were both wrong.—St. James' Gazette.

Woman's Wit.
An emperor of Germany besieged a city which belonged to one of his rebellious noblemen. After the siege had lasted for a long time the emperor determined to take it by storm and to destroy all it contained by fire and sword. He did not, however, wish to injure the defenseless women; therefore, he sent a proclamation into the town, saying that all the women might leave the place unhurt and carry with them whatever they held most precious. The nobleman's wife instantly decided to take her husband, and the other women followed her example. They soon issued from the city gate in a long procession, each one with her husband on her shoulders. The emperor was so much struck with the noble conduct of the women that he spared all; even the city itself was left untouched.

Wouldn't Tip It.
A Toronto man who visited England last summer appears to think that country the champion tip taker. He says: "Well, I had tipped every man from the swell gent who seemed to own the house of commons down to the hireling who gunned the wrong labels on my luggage, and I went into the waiting room on the landing stage at Liverpool to wash my hands of everything English, and what do you think stared me in the face when I had finished? A placard saying, 'Please tip the basin.' I'll be hanged if I did!"

Monuments.
Dr. Griffin—I must say the world is very ungrateful toward our profession. How seldom one sees a public memorial erected to a doctor! Mrs. Gollightly—How seldom! Oh, doctor, think of our cemeteries!—London Answers.

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Rev. Thos. P. Noe Discusses its Work With Tuberculosis.
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Recently a very interesting article, written by Dr. Harper, called attention to the prevalence of tuberculosis in our city, making mention at the same time of the great value of the work now being undertaken by the local branch of the Red Cross Society. Many persons do not seem to realize that tuberculosis is very common in our midst and yet Dr. Harper emphasizes the local percentage of deaths annually occurring from this dread disease in our very midst. But granting that the disease is common, there is not only great ignorance about its location but indifference to the danger because it is thought generally to be at distance from the person who does not know of its existence. The writer has had rather intimate experience with a number of cases during the past two years that has brought very strongly to consideration the great ignorance regarding the treatment of patients suffering from tuberculosis, which not only prevents proper care of the patient but involves danger to attendants and to many others supposedly at a safe distance.

Some time ago my attention was called to a case near the edge of the town where a woman had been suffering for months from an advanced stage of the disease, so that the body had grown emaciated and weak and the patient was no longer able to care for the home or her person. The family, consisting of wife, husband and little boy of two years, spent most of the time in the same little room, which was not only small but poorly ventilated. Frequently several neighbors would come in, no attention was paid to sputum or any other matters of sanitation, other than such attention as would be given in perfect health. On one occasion, while making a visit, I was invited to have a drink of lemonade, which was kept in a stone jar and then allowed to stand in the water bucket, presumably to keep cool. When used the lemonade jar was passed from hand to hand, beginning with the mother and finishing with the father, each in turn taking it in two hands, after all had been handling the patient and things about her. The jar was then placed once more in the water bucket until needed and meanwhile the family kept drinking from the ice water in the bucket. This mother was sick for many months before death came as a welcome release and practically no attention was paid special sanitary measures, and after death, so far as I ever discovered, no special disinfecting of the house took place, but another family soon moved in to get the benefit of any remains of the disease.

At another time I was called in to see a man who was very far advanced in a distressing case of consumption of the bowels. He was in a very sad condition and living near the edge of a boggy place on Queen or Castle. He was afterwards moved to Second and Wooster, in a little alley, and the yard was one half submerged and overgrown with rank plants that flourished in watery places. A drain pipe passing through the yard had been broken for some while. The house was in such bad condition that I suggested to the family and the health department the advisability of burning the things. The patient's room opened directly with the shed room used for eating and there were several small children more or less constantly in attendance, in addition to an infant, not over strong whose face and neck were filled with sores. Every one handled things in the freest manner and absolutely no attempt was being made at disinfecting. I was asked to read the Bible and when the book was handed me, it was positively sticky, where it had been handled so much during many years by the sick man.

These are only two cases and I have described only some of the distressing features, but lest the reader may imagine that these patients are far removed from him, I ought to remind him that near the house of the last named patient was spread a line of clothes in the garden of a colored washerwoman and it is not too much to suggest that germs thrown out in the back yard by the millions could find a lodgment in lines destined for persons little dreaming of the danger of tuberculosis from infection. Nor does it stop here. The little children are members of Sunday Schools where they come in contact with many other little children and they probably attend the public school, where they meet children from almost every part of the community. We are very particular about regulating diphtheria, smallpox, measles and many even trifling diseases of children, but we seem never to think of the one dread disease that has come to be known as the white plague.

These words are written not for scare, but mainly to bring before the community the great danger to us all, to the poor neighbor of the consumptive, who ignorantly exposes himself and also to the wealthier neighbor more remotely situated whose cook or washerwoman may be in daily contact with these things. When we know the facts and they would make us open our eyes, could we see some of them, there is little need for alarm. If we only use the means now at our disposal. Recently a physician advised his patient to use a cloth for discharges from the mouth and so a few days thereafter, as I sat by her bed I was astonished to see her produce from under her pillow, a much soiled cloth that she had been using for expectoration. I tried to explain the danger in that and when I went next time, I discovered that she was using a sheet of paper spread out on the floor and had been lying there for a day or two, if one might judge from the contents. This happens largely through ignorance both of the nature of the disease, for doctors usually have them in ignorance for a long time and of the things that are needful to be done. It has been demonstrated in Boston that it is not eliminate so much as proper treatment and care that accomplishes the cure and at the recent meeting of international experts in Washington a medal was awarded to the Boston class,

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By Rail and Water

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 18.—The Southern Railway will in the near future erect a large and modern freight depot in the southeastern section of the city, if reports are true. The present depot is too congested for the growing business, and it is stated that officials of the road have announced that a larger depot is needed and in order to secure the proper trackage a new depot will have to be erected in the yards of the old S. U. & C. depot.

Asheville, Dec. 16.—Some bits of rather interesting gossip were being circulated in railroad circles here today. It is reported that on January 1st there will be a number of changes among the railroad officials. General Superintendent G. R. Loyal, according to the story, is to become assistant to First Vice President and General Manager C. H. Ackert, and C. S. Harris, superintendent of the Knoxville division, is to be promoted to the place now held by Mr. Loyal. The vacancy caused by Mr. Harris' promotion is to be filled by R. E. Simpson, superintendent of the Asheville division, and W. M. Duell, of one of the west Tennessee divisions is to come to Asheville as superintendent.

Because the Atlantic Coast Line Railway is alleged to have failed to feed and water one little calf, which was shipped to Norfolk in a box car, the Attorney General of the United States has ordered an appeal from Judge Waddill's decision, rendered in Norfolk, and the case will be heard in the Circuit Court of Appeals, says the Richmond Times-Dispatch, of the past week. The railway is alleged to have violated the statute which requires that live stock, shipped in box cars, shall after a certain number of hours, be taken out, fed and watered. The calf, which is the cause of the present litigation, was shipped all alone, and failing to bellow, was overlooked by employees of the road. Attorneys for the government heard of the oversight, and the case was taken to the United States District Court in Norfolk. After a day's trial which involved perhaps much more expense than the animal was worth, Judge Waddill dismissed the case, holding that the railway did not wilfully and knowingly violate the statute.

Mr. J. E. Greiner, consulting engineer, Continental Building, Baltimore, Md., writes the Manufacturers' Record that the Albemarle Sound bridge of the Norfolk & Southern Railway crosses Albemarle Sound from Skinners Point to a point on the opposite shore a short distance east of the mouth of Mackey's Creek, N. C. It will be a single-track railroad bridge 27,730 feet in length, composed mainly of pile trestle work and having four steel-plate girder spans, each giving

a clear opening of 140 feet. The total cost of the work from end to end will be about \$1,000,000. The report of the receivers of the Norfolk & Southern Railway says that \$221,000 were expended on the bridge when work was stopped in the Fall of 1907, and the contract was cancelled for lack of funds. They have material on hand which cost \$80,000, and they asked for \$530,000 to finish the structure. The bridge when completed will connect Edenton, N. C., with Mackey's Ferry, this being on the main line, and it will take the place of the present car ferry now operated a distance of nine miles between those points. It is said that passenger trains will by use of the completed bridge save an hour and a quarter in running time, and freight trains about six hours. Besides, the carrying capacity of the road will be greatly increased. This improvement will also enable the company to establish fast freight lines between Norfolk, Va., Raleigh and Newbern, N. C., and intermediate points.

CAROLINIANS IN NEW YORK

Party on Tour With Editor Varner of Lexington, N. C., Dispatch.

The following from a recent issue of the New York Journal will be read with local interest:

"A group of seven young women from North Carolina came to town last night under the watchful eye of Colonel H. B. Varner, publisher of the Dispatch, a weekly newspaper of Lexington, N. C. They are winners in a voting contest the colonel got up last Summer to determine the most popular young ladies in the State."

"Colonel Varner has brought his wife along as chaperon during the six days' sojourn. The party is composed of Miss Clatie Foster, of Lexington; Miss Pearl Lyon, Coolemees; Miss Bettie Hendricks, Booneville; Miss Nena Kooztz, Lexington; Miss Minnie Owen, Thomasville; Mrs. C. R. Myers, Salisbury, and Miss Lucile Hege, Lexington."

Not one of the prize winners had ever been to New York before and they looked a little scared last night.

"There ain't more than two of us that were ever out of North Carolina," said Miss Hendricks. "We've heard all about this town, and we're goin' to see everything."

"Even Chinatown," put in the most demure girl of the lot, and the others looked confused.

"The colonel took the prize winners to see the 'Three Twins' last night. After the theatre they were toted to Madison Square Garden and they watched a few rounds of the bicycle race."

THEATRE

Tomorrow night the well known Demorest Comedy Company opens a week's engagement at popular prices and during the time will present only modern successes, and plays new to Wilmington. Tomorrow night the play will be "The Miner's Daughter" and the courtesy of ladies free will be extended the ladies, providing tickets are secured by 6 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The sale commenced yesterday.

The company recently appeared in Asheville and of it the Asheville Citizen said:

"The well known Demorest Comedy Company opened a week's engagement last night with the pretty Western drama 'The Miner's Daughter' and to say the people were pleased is put-



MISS ONA DEMOREST.
Clever Leading Lady With the Demorest Comedy Company This Week.

ting it mild. They were simply delighted. The Demorest Company preserved its good reputation from last season and promises more rare treats during the week. "The Miner's Daughter" tells a pretty story of a young girl who goes west to find her father, who has long since passed away and when the news is broken to her by "Zeke," the scene is very pathetic and "Ona Demorest" in the role of Virginia Kennedy was simply grand, and portrayed the sweet character to perfection. Miss Demorest has made many friends here in the past and was greeted by a full house last night

who were delighted with her work. The entire company, which is a large one, did good work and not a single character was lacking in ability. The specialties between the acts were good."

Life Saving and Law.

The Roumanians are as curious in some things as the Chinese. A girl who fell into the river and was swept down by the current finally seized a bush on the bank and drew herself to shore. The owner of the land on which the bush grew immediately claimed a reward of 4 shillings because his bush was there and had saved her. Her father refused to pay, and there was a lawsuit. What the law has to decide is whether drowning people can make use of bushes on the bank without paying for the same or whether the assistance of the said bush is worth a certain sum of money.

In China if a person falls into the water no one must help him out, but at the same time a spectator can be imprisoned for not advising the victim to stay on dry land.

The Navel Orange.

For a product of nature a California navel orange as it graces the breakfast table or the push cart is about the most artificial thing in the world. It is also a very striking illustration of the fact that while beauty may be only skin deep it counts for a whole lot. To begin with, the navel orange of California is an exotic, reaching its present habitat after devious wandering. And, be it ever so sweet tasting, if its skin has had its beauty marred it scarcely ever gets farther than the orchard where it grew. Not only that, but even the most comely ones before they are boxed and shipped are brushed by machinery and polished and otherwise fussed with to give them a beauty which mere nature never would have provided.—William R. Stewart in Technical World.

Ignorance Not Bliss.

"There is a certain gnawing uncertainty about calling on people who speak a different language from their servants," remarked the woman who does. "You can never tell whether they are saying, 'Make another cup of tea, Katie! I have company,' or 'She always drops in about tea time, confound her! Pour some more hot water in the pot.'"—New York Press.

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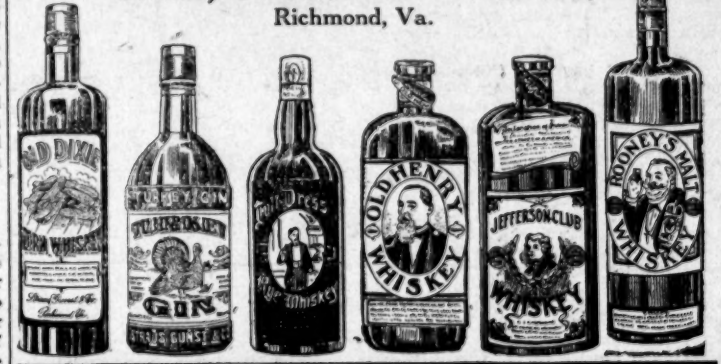
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IN SOCIETY

(Continued From Page Three.)

Southerland, Wallace; Misses Emma Blount, Mary, Dallah and Cooper and Dr. J. A. Ferrill, of Kenansville; Mr. Ed Johnson, of Willard, and W. P. Byrd, of Rose Hill.

Mr. Robert Bridges has returned from Chapel Hill to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Henry Heyer arrived on Thursday from Yale, to spend the holidays with his parents. His many friends are glad to welcome him home.

Misses Leesy Royall, Janie Meares and Helen Williams arrived yesterday from "Facile" where they are attending school.

Mr. Alex. Sprunt is in the city where he has come to spend the holidays. Mr. Sprunt is a student of Davidson College.

Miss Nancy Constantines, of London, England, is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. D. G. Vafade, at the Carolina Apartments.

Mr. Chesley Bellamy has returned from Chapel Hill, where he is a student at the University, to spend the holidays with his parents.

Friends of Mr. William McKoy, Jr., and Mr. David Murchison are glad to see them in the city, where they arrived from Chapel Hill during the past week to spend the holidays.

Friends of Mr. Lawrence Sprunt were delighted to welcome him home from Princeton during the past week, where he has come to spend the holidays.

Miss Lina DeRosset is expected to arrive this morning from the Peabody Conservatory of Music at Baltimore to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. DeRosset, Jr.

Since writing the former note it is learned that Miss Marguerite Short has changed her plans, and that she will remain in Princeton, N. J., where she is the guest of Miss Wilson, until after the holidays.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Stedman and two children will be delighted to learn that they will arrive the day after Christmas to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Carr at their home on Ann street.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Moore arrived in the city during the past week, where they spent a few days en route to their home in Maryland, where they will visit during the holidays, the guests of relatives.

Friends of Mrs. Ed M. Wilson are glad to know that she arrived from Haverford, Pa., accompanied by her little son, Ed M. Wilson, Jr., on Thursday last, to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. McL. Green.

On Christmas night, Misses Kate and Reba Myers will give a delightful dance in Concordia Hall, complimentary to their dancing class. The hall will be beautifully decorated for the occasion, and it is believed that this will be a most delightful affair.

Friends of Mr. Marion S. Harris, who has been attending the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., for the past term, will be glad to know that he is expected to arrive today to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Harris.

Mr. Lawrence Sprunt is entertaining at Orton, a house party consisting of Misses Helen Strange, Florence Kidder, Amoret Lord, Elizabeth Bridges, and Messrs. Richard Meares, Walter Sprunt, Rob James, Markley Crosswell, Louis T. Moore, and the host. The party left the city Saturday morning, and will be at "Orton" until Tuesday morning.

Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield will on Sunday, Dec. 27th, address the members of the Masonic Order in this city at St. John's Church at 11 A. M. The occasion of his address is the fact that next Sunday is St. John's Day, and Mr. Horsfield, who is a prominent Mason, has been requested by Orient Lodge of this city to deliver the address mentioned. All members of the various Masonic lodges in this and adjacent cities are invited to attend, and a complete programme has been prepared for the occasion. While in the city Mr. Horsfield, who is now a resident of Oxford, will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Munds, at their home on Dock street, where he will be pleased to welcome his friends.

Invitations were received on Friday last by friends in this city to a delightful dance which Mrs. Allan Nichols will give on Monday evening, Dec. 28, complimentary to her guest, Miss Margaret Harris, of New Jersey, and her son, Mr. Spencer Van Bokkelen Nichols, who is at home for the holidays from the University. The dance is to take place at the Cape Fear Golf Club, in the beautiful new club house, and special cars will be run for the convenience of the guests. It is to be in the nature of a Leap Year Dance, the last Leap Year dance of the season. It is with much pleasure that the guests are looking forward to this dance, which is the first one to be given at the Country Club.

L'Arlioso German Club has issued handsome invitations to the series of german to be given the evening of the fourth Wednesday in each month, season of 1908-1909. The patronesses are Mrs. P. L. Bridges, Mrs. John D. Bellamy, Mrs. W. A. Dick, Mrs. Clayton Giles, Mrs. J. V. Grainger, Mrs. Pembroke Jones, Mrs. G. W. Kidder, Mrs. E. W. VanC. Lucas, Mrs. Donald MacRae, Mrs. George Rountree, Mrs. G. Herbert Smith, Mrs. Geo. G. Thomas. The officers are Mr. C. McD. Davis, president; Mr. S. M. Boatwright, vice president; Mr. T. B. Willard, secretary and treasurer; Mr. R. E. Calder, leader. The Governing Board is composed of Messrs. C. McD. Davis, S. M. Boatwright, T. B. Will-

lard, H. M. Chase, Milton Calder, E. P. Bailey and Thomas H. Wright.

The regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, yesterday afternoon at the W. L. I. armory, was largely attended. The annual election of officers, which was to have taken place at this meeting, was deferred to a special meeting to be called by the president later. The usual reports were received and listened to with satisfaction and a very beautiful tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. J. Wallace Carmichael as prepared by Miss Hettie James, Miss Mary Calder, Mrs. W. M. Parsley and Mrs. Gabriel Holmes, was unanimously adopted with feeling. One new member was elected and the affairs of the Chapter found in splendid condition. Mrs. L. L. Pritchard, Miss Bette Price and Mrs. W. B. Cooper were elected to compose the Laurel Wreath Committee for the coming month.

THE NORTHEAST SQUADRON

"International" Complications Narrowly Averted By Broadside From Ships (By Cable From Rocky Point.)

Your correspondent gleans the following from the foreign edition of the Pender Chronicle: "Commodore Clark's Northeast river squadron went out of commission Saturday B. M. One dog was stolen but recovered. The officers and jacksies of the fleet all came in highly delighted with the cruise. A report by wireless says a large bear was shot in the cane break that turned out to be a large piney-woods razor back. Deep and ominous growls were heard from shore, sounding exactly like an immense bear. A broadside was turned loose when lo! and behold, there was the squeal of a sow. They buried her deeply in the dark of night in the Northeast mud. Requesecat in pacem."

Since the above was printed your correspondent learns that proceedings have been instituted in Pender by the owner of aforesaid sow, Mr. William Snooks, and papers were served on Commodore Clark and his squadron for damages resultant, \$10, for death by the way of murder in the first degree. We greatly fear that there will be a judicial clash, as to whether there will be a case for Federal or State courts. Both prosecutor and defendant are somewhat "at sea" as to beginning of proceedings. Happening on the water would bring it within the jurisdiction of a court of admiralty, which plainly makes it a case for the Federal court. The case has no precedent since the day of old Judge Aesop, when an ass dressed himself up in a lion's skin and was scolding around extensively until Jesse Holmes, the fool killer, butted in and laid him out with a club. Haec fabulæ doct: If the old sow hadn't been consciously or unconsciously playing bear and keeping up such an all-fired racket as to disturb the fleet's slumber, she'd been a-roo-in' yet. However, Mr. Snooks' side of the story will be heard later. Commodore Clark has the A. C. Line and Uncle Sam behind him and he need not fear Bill Snooks' prosecution.

(Written en route over four and a half miles of the worst road in North Carolina from Island Creek to Castle Haynes, all in New Hanover county. Have passed four deer on the route and 'twas Friday and not a good day for deer either. This is "Carolina Day". We have passed ten school houses, teachers and children were "Ho-ing" for Carolina lustily. If they would hoe the grassy crops next Summer as well, there would be rations in the land.")

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements by Wilmington Pastors for Pulpits Today.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, church edifice Market and 17th streets. Services at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Subject of lesson sermon, "Is the Universe, Including Man Evolved by Atomic Force?" All are invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, North Fourth street: Sunday School at 10 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and again at 7:30 P. M. by the pastor, Rev. Geo. S. Bearden. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Strangers are cordially invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor. Fourth Sunday in Advent. English service at 11 A. M. Vesper service at 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 3:30 P. M. A cordial invitation to all. Seats free.

St. John's Church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, rector: Holy Communion 7:30 A. M. Service with sermon 11 A. M. Sunday School at 4 P. M. Evening prayer with address 8 P. M. All are cordially invited.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fourth and Orange streets, Rev. A. W. Seabreeze, rector. Sunday services morning 11 A. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. The hour of the Sunday evening service is changed from 8 to 5 P. M.

Second Advent Church, Sixth street, between Church and Castle, Rev. J. P. King, pastor: Sunday morning services at 11 o'clock and evening at 7 o'clock.

Services at Grace Church today: Preaching this morning at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. T. A. Smoot. Preaching at 7:30 P. M. by Rev. L. L. Nash, D. D. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Public cordially invited.

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NEWS OF LUMBERTON

Schools Close For Holidays—Blind Tiger Runs Amuck and There is Distress in the Land—Xmas Trade is Brisk.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 19.—The Fall session of the Lumberton Graded School closed yesterday for the holidays, concluding last night with a concert in the opera house, which was witnessed by a packed house, and was much enjoyed.

Those who took part in the entertainment are certainly entitled to much credit for the manner in which they performed their parts. With the close of the Fall term, Miss Mary Watson, who has been one of the efficient teachers in Lumberton for several terms, severs her connection with the school, as on account of the advanced age of her father, her presence is necessary at home. It is with the sincerest regret that Lumberton parts with Miss Watson.

Dr. Henderson, one of the most reliable opticians with the Hawkes Company, arrived from Atlanta last night and will be at Pope's drug store today, Monday and Tuesday. Dr. Henderson has visited Lumberton before and those who have had him treat their eyes on previous visits, think he has few equals and no superiors.

Mrs. Thad. W. Bullock received the distressing information yesterday of the death of her father, Mr. W. D. Arnette, who died Thursday night at his home in Dixonville, Ala., as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

The National Cotton Mills will close Wednesday at 2 P. M. for Christmas and will resume operations Monday. The Dresden and Lumberton mills will close at 12 o'clock Thursday and resume work again on Monday.

Mr. I. L. Caldwell is now running as express messenger between Lumberton and Marion.—Mrs. W. C. Hammond, of Ashboro, accompanied by her two children, arrived last night to spend some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Whitfield. Miss Erma Whitfield, who has been spending some time in Ashboro with her sister, also returned.

A Lumberton young man who believes that "cleanliness is next to godliness," had rather an unpleasant experience last Sunday when he prepared to take his bath. He had been informed that there was an abundance of hot water at his disposal, and he immediately began preparations to enjoy it. He opened the water valve and while the water flowed into the bath tub, he made other preparations. When there was water sufficient for the occasion he closed the valve and rolled in. When the neighbors began to inquire into the cause of the commotion in the house, it was learned that the young man had slid into ice water instead of warm water. He opened the wrong valve. Sunday was almost freezing weather.

One or more blind tigers seemed to have gotten out last Saturday night and Sunday, and considerable damage was the result. Sunday about noon a young man living in the northwest part of town got gloriously full and proceeded to make "rough house." It is said that he broke a chair over his brother's head, kicked a door off the hinges, threw his father through a window, carrying the whole sash with him and for some time entertained the inhabitants of that part of town with some of the vilest and loudest language he could use. Sunday night, about a mile out, a negro was overloaded and for some unknown cause tried to butcher his wife. When he got through carving a physician was called in to make repairs and found it necessary to take 20 stitches in the wounds.

Rev. A. P. Tyer, who has been chosen pastor of Maxton Methodist Church, and Rev. F. B. McCall, who becomes pastor of the Rowland

church, have many friends in this section, both having formerly served Lumberton congregations.—The celebration sale which has been going on at Caldwell & Corley's this week, has been a great success. At times it was simply impossible to wait on the people, though they had made preparations for handling the crowd by securing the services of several additional salesmen.—The county commissioners met in extra session Tuesday to receive the new court house, but the building was not completed as expected and, of course, could not be received.—Messrs. J. D. McMillan & Son, who recently put on sale a number of choice singing canaries, found it necessary to make a second order, and now lovers of these little pets who enter the drug store are instantly charmed.—The indications are that the Christmas trade is going to be much better than was expected, some dealers declaring that in their lines the trade is better than last year.—At a meeting of the pastors of the Robeson Baptist Association held here Thursday, Prof. R. E. Sentele was ordained into the full work of the ministry.—Christmas being a legal holiday, Sunday hours will be observed at the postoffice, but the rural carriers will make their trips on that day same as any other. New Year's day will be a holiday for the carriers, at which time the Robeson County Carriers' Association will meet in Lumberton.—Dr. and Mrs. W. A. McPhaul left yesterday for Alabama where they will spend Christmas week with the doctor's mother.

CONGRESSMAN SHADOWED.

Cause of Rumor That President Was Having It Done.

The rumor that the President employed secret service men to watch the personal conduct of members of Congress appears to have grown out of the misguided enterprise of a member of the local police force. This man sought to obtain an increase of pay for District of Columbia policemen. Failing to do so, he undertook to shadow a number of members of Congress. He obtained evidence, as he believed, to insure the increase of pay, but when he laid it before his superior he was dismissed from the service. Nothing ever came of his efforts, but some members of Congress learned that they had been shadowed and they immediately assumed that it was by secret service men acting under the direction of the President, although nothing could be further learned from the fact.—New York Tribune.

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or old stock to be sold, but all fresh made. Alligretti's, 60c per pound. Extra fine and regular 50c candies for 25c. My line for 5c, 10c and 15c can't be equaled by anyone. The above goods will be opened and ready Saturday morning at

Phone 680.

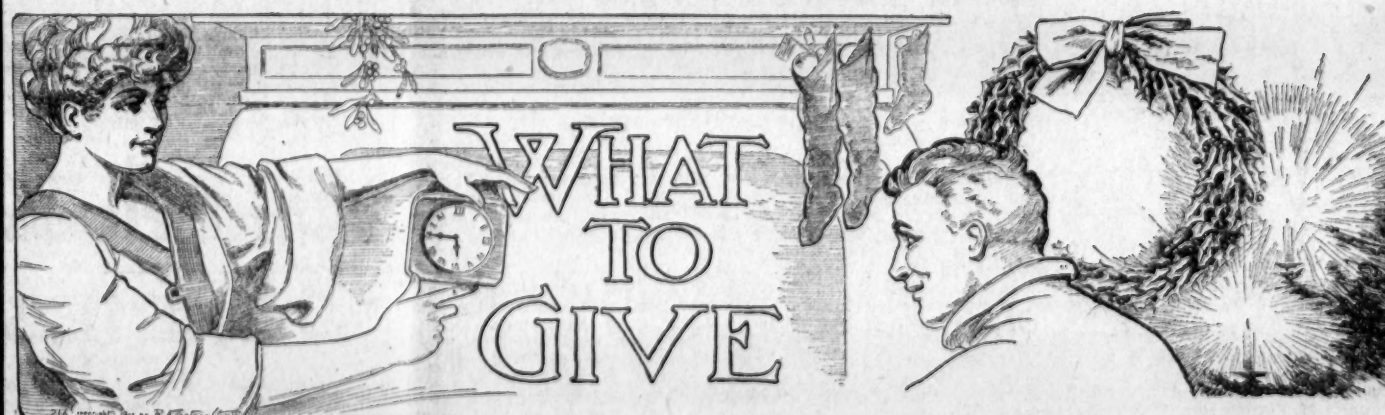
PLUMMER'S

219 N. Front St

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The C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY

"The Store That's Always Busy."



We have searched the novelty markets of the North, and brought here for you suitable things for Christmas presents. Many believe in making a long profit on short-lived goods. We believe in making a short profit that will move holiday goods fast. Our stock not only contains novelties, but useful things for presents for women, men and little folks. Our counters are ablaze with things suitable for presents.

COQUE FEATHER SCARF.

A Northern manufacturer sent us by express to dispose of 100 assorted Feather Scarfs in black, navy, brown, light blue and pink. \$6.00 Scarfs, full length, only.....\$2.98 \$3.50 Scarfs, waist length, only.....\$1.98 Fur Neck Scarfs and Muff, per set from \$3.00 to.....\$90.00

Our Carpet Department will display many useful Christmas presents, such as Lace Curtains, Portieres, Shirt Waist Boxes, Table and Couch Covers, Art Squares, Rugs, Screens and Fancy Pillows.

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

Our entire stock of toys have been moved on the main floor where you will find a well selected stock of toys for the children. Ample help has been employed to wait on you promptly.

For Gentlemen you will find a well selected stock of Silk Umbrellas, Hosiery, Neckwear, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Shaving Sets, Combs and Brushes, Etc.

For Young Ladies we are showing Gold and Silver Jewel Boxes, Pin Trays, Shell and Amber Side and Back Combs, Silk Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, and a thousand other useful articles. Come and see them.

Our store will be open evenings during Christmas week. We advise shopping early to avoid the rush later on and to get a selection while stocks are still unbroken.

—THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

The Morning Star.

Sunday, December 20, 1908.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.
Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 20, 1908.
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Saturday, Dec. 19:
Temperature at 8 A. M. 58 degrees; 8 P. M. 56 degrees; maximum 74 degrees; minimum 56 degrees; mean 65 degrees.
Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, 1.46 inches.
Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Saturday at 8 A. M. 5 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Partly cloudy Sunday with rain in extreme east portion; Monday fair; moderate variable winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 20.

Sun Rises.....7:07 A. M.
Sun Sets.....4:48 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 44 min.
High water at Southport 5:02 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 7:18 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

E. A. Todd—Closing Out. David McLean—For sale. I Shrier—\$12.50 Suit Sale. Crystal Palace—This Week. C. H. Fore & Co.—For Monday. J. J. Knox, Sheriff—Tax Notice. W. B. Cooper—Corno Mule Feed. C. W. Polvogt Co.—What to Give. Platt & Haas—The Christmas Store. Telfair Sanitarium—48 to 72 Hours. Hamme, the Hatter—Month of Gifts. Southern Business College—Wanted. Crescent Candy Co.—For Men Only. T. D. Meares, Clerk—Warrants Issued.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—Fireworks and Toys.
Clayton Giles & Son—Losses Adjusted.
Concord Chapter, R. A. M.—Convocation.
J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co.—\$2.50 for \$1.25.
Geo. O. Gaylord—Talk About Distribution.
Wilmington Furniture Co.—Change of Business Sale.

Business Locals.

Wanted—Salesmen.
Wanted—By Salesman.
J. O. Reilly—New Houses.
Owen Martindale—Notice.
Sheriff J. J. Knox—Notice.
Mrs. Geo. B. Brooks—Plants.
Drug Clerk—Position Wanted.
E. Warren & Son—Cocacola.
J. G. Wright & Son—Offices.
J. G. Wright & Son—Rooms.
J. O. Reilly—Valuable Property.
Wanted—Experienced Salesmen.
Progressive Farmer—Get a Copy.
Wanted—Ladies To Sell Tickets.
E. Warren & Son—Sweet Oranges.
Yale Clear Co.—Salesmen Wanted.
Business Opportunities—Sou. Adv. Journal.
John D. Bellamy, Jr.—Semi-annual Series.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. W. S. Robinson, of Delta, Sampson county, was among yesterday's arrivals.
—E. S. Abell, Esq., of Smithfield, was a visitor to the city yesterday, registered at The Orton.
—Friends of Mrs. T. C. Dickinson will regret to know that she is seriously sick at her home, No. 416 North Fifth street.
—Misses Annie Spencer, of Elon College, and Bertha Peterson, of Atkinson, are the guests of Mrs. W. B. Beville, on North Front street.
—Captain John H. Devereaux, of Charleston, S. C., inspector of public buildings for the government, was among yesterday's arrivals on official business.
—At the Men's Meeting at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon at 5 o'clock Rev. C. F. Whitlock, pastor of Brooklyn Baptist church, will make an address on "The Best Kind of Strength."
—Mrs. N. E. Bunting and son, Master William McDuffie Bunting, left this morning for their old home in Fayetteville to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. Mr. Bunting will join them in Fayetteville later.
—This week's Pender Chronicle of Burgaw says: "Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Collins returned Friday evening from a several days business and pleasure trip to Wilmington. While in that city Mr. Collins and his sister, Miss Martha, purchased a nice twenty-five acre tract of land near the suburbs of the city, which they expect to develop in the near future."
—Among the guests at The Orton yesterday were E. B. Council, Council's; E. L. McNair, Laurinburg; C. S. Howell and wife, Marion, S. C.; J. F. McIntyre, Laurinburg; Mrs. H. W. Hood and H. W. Hood, Jr., Southport; Harry Skinner, Jr., and F. M. Wooten, Greenville, N. C.; T. H. Doshier, S. W. Watts, R. S. Newton and Asa Doshier, Southport; M. Forney Reese, wife and child, of Norfolk, Va.

Rear Admiral John D. Adams has been designated to command the Charleston, S. C., navy yard.

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All styles of rigs can be had at Orrell Livery Company. Take a pleasant drive. Call on us and we will please you.

Free turkeys again this week at the Crystal Palace.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The Woman's Exchange will remain open evenings until 8 o'clock during the holidays.
—Speckel services at Christ's Congregational Church, colored, today with grand rally. A large attendance is expected.

—By deed filed for record yesterday Calvin Bell and wife transferred to R. R. Stone, for \$75, lot on Jasmine street, 164 feet north of Orange, 33x75 in size.

—The Magnolia Fraternal Association will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the club rooms, I. O. R. M. building. Full attendance of members is desired.

—This evening Rev. Geo. W. Moore, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, colored, will preach a sermon to the Baraca Class on the subject, "How to Catch Men." All are invited.

—Henry Forbes, colored, was tried at the session of the police court yesterday noon for the larceny of a pair of shoes from William Sevice and was discharged by the Mayor for lack of evidence.

—The schooner Joel Cook, Capt. Loveland, cleared yesterday for New York with 395,000 feet of lumber. The cargo is by the Hammer Lumber Company and the vessel was consigned to C. D. Maffitt.

—The British steamer Valhalla, Capt. Merryfield, cleared yesterday for Glasgow, Scotland, with a cargo of 6,800 gum logs, valued at \$17,000, from the Acme Tea Chest Company; vessel by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

—Sheriff Cowan is now engaged in making up the delinquent tax list for advertisement early in January. Costs are being added and this cannot be taken off when the list is made up. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

—Messrs. Sol Bear & Co., manufacturers of seaproming and native wines, this city, are sending to friends and patrons pretty little calendars with art design, "A Girl of the Period," on a very pretty dark background.

—Misses Hilda Blumenthal, of Philadelphia, and Helen Solomon, of Vicksburg, Miss., are guests of Miss Mynette Switzer, and will spend the holidays in this city. Miss Solomon is just from Chevy Chase College, in Washington, where she is vocal instructor.

—This week's Southport Herald says: "The fishing season of menhaden having about closed the plant of the Ocean Fisheries was closed down last week the two steamers Compton and Nellie Dey having been laid up. The season has been a most successful one, the run of fish having been large."

—By deeds filed for record yesterday A. Rothschild and wife transferred to R. H. Northrop, for \$100 and other considerations, property at southwest corner of 13th and Princess streets, 33x75 feet in size, and Samuel Blossom and wife transferred to Independent Mfg. Co., for \$500, eighteen acres of land on west side of the right of way of the W. & W. railroad, near where the track crosses the Northeast river bridge at Castle Haynes.

POSTOFFICE RUSH.

Christmas Patrons Rather Late This Season—Extra Service.

Postmaster Wallace says that the rush at the Postoffice for the Christmas holidays has not opened up as yet with its old time vigor and that while the clerks and carriers have their hands pretty well full during the eight hours allotted to them by Uncle Sam, there is not the business being handled that there was during the corresponding period last season when times were evidently more "flush." Usually three extra carriers are put on by the 15th of December, but this year so far there has been no occasion for them. However, three have been authorized by the Department at Washington when needed and they will doubtless go on this week. The money order department is pressed for room and Mr. Wallace is considering removing this branch until the rush of the holidays is over. The public is admonished to be considerate during these days, mark and stamp their packages correctly and there is no reason why deliveries should not be made with the same regularity and precision as on other occasions. The business can be greatly facilitated by the observance of the ordinary rules that would suggest themselves to an intelligent public on an occasion of the kind.

LATE L. T. BOWDEN.

Men's Bible Class Sends Letter of Condolence to Bereaved Sister.

The following very pretty expression of sympathy, which is self explanatory, has been forwarded by the Men's Bible Class, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, to Mrs. Susan King, sister of the late L. T. Bowden, who recently passed away: "Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 18, 1908. "Mrs. Susan King, Wilmington, N. C. "My Dear Mrs. King:—The members of the Men's Bible Class of Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Sabbath School request me as its leader to write you a brief note expressing our sympathy with you and other members of the family in the loss of our beloved and faithful fellow worker, Mr. L. T. Bowden, who was for so many years closely identified with the life and work of the school and all its interests. His presence will be greatly missed among us. "Yours truly, "JOSEPH AKERMAN."

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A TOWER OF STRENGTH

Splendid New Vault at Murchison National Bank Excites Admiration.

How many of the small army of merchants, business men and clerks who daily, during hours, crowd into the tiled fronts of banks and make their remittances or secure accommodations, know the extent of the pains and expense to which the average institution is put to clothe itself with that magic word "security" in handling the funds of others?

The inquiry is prompted by a recent visit to the Murchison National Bank, of this city, and an inspection of the splendid new steel vault recently installed there at a cost of several thousand dollars and which is said to be the finest and safest in the Carolinas, if not in the South. The vault is indeed nothing less than "a tower of strength" and is an interesting study in modern engineering. Constructed of three layers of half-inch armor plate steel, two on the outside and one on the inside, the vault is divided into two compartments, one for keeping books alone and the other for the "hard cash." If you please, and valuable papers. To the latter no one has access except those actually responsible for handling the money and valuable papers and the other is fitted with book holders of steel racks and check and deposit ticket files of fire-proof construction. Inside the money compartment of the vault is a steel safe that is a marvel in ingenuity, fitted with Mosley screw door, protected by time lock and absolutely impervious to everything except electricity and by that only in such high voltage as would make its handling exceedingly dangerous even for an expert, who would be so foolhardy as to attempt an experiment, should three thicknesses of armor plate in the first instance not prove too much for his ingenuity. To the outside of the vault are two steel doors weighing eight tons, each with a double combination of intricate mechanism and requiring almost an expert to open with all the information at his finger's tip. It is unnecessary to say that the vault is entirely fire proof in each of its compartments. The reputation of the York Safe & Lock Co., of York, Pa., employing the finest experts in the world, is behind this splendid piece of engineering or construction, as it may be termed, and the Murchison National Bank is indeed fortunate with this splendid equipment for handling the large business enjoyed by the institution.

PYTHIAN CHRISTMAS

Clarendon Lodge Arranging Entertainment For Thursday.

The usual commemoration of the Christmas season by the members of Clarendon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will be marked by a delightful entertainment which is being arranged for Christmas eve night when the members and their families, a special invitation being extended the families of deceased brothers, will gather in Castle Hall. A feature of the happy gathering will be a beautiful Christmas tree which will be provided by the Pythians for this occasion.

A splendid programme has been arranged consisting of an address on the history of the order by Mr. E. T. Huggins and recitations by Misses Fales and Eunice Tucker. Music and refreshments will be provided and a happy evening is assured.

Promotion For Wilmington Man.

It will be very gratifying to the friends of Mr. H. V. Godbold, of this city, to learn of his success in the credit insurance department. Mr. Godbold is an insurance man of 12 years experience and has been located in Wilmington for the past year. He has been promoted to the general agency of the Carolina Guaranty Company, London, Eng., and leaves, accompanied by his wife and daughter, this morning for Charlotte and will later decide where he will make his headquarters.

Consecrate Baptismal Font.

At St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church today at one of the services a beautiful baptismal font will be consecrated. It is the gift of Mr. Willie Otersen in memory of his brother, who was accidentally killed, a little more than a year ago, by his side. On a silver tablet attached is the following inscription: "In Loving Remembrance of Louis Otersen, 1891-1907." It is a beautiful piece of church furniture and would adorn any church. Such testimonials are worthy of emulation.

A Shrier's Sale.

A Shrier's store yesterday was a busy one. The continuation of his sale has been welcomed by a number of people who were unable to take advantage of the same earlier. The sale will continue until after the holidays.

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To The Point.
Just now time is very valuable, especially to those who have a lot of Xmas shopping to do. Realizing this the enterprising proprietors of the Little Store, Platt & Haas, have put their ad. in this issue in the fewest words possible. Read it, then visit the store and you'll find that their's is truly The Christmas Store.

Cars to the Beach.
Today cars to the beach every half hour in the afternoon.

Free turkeys again this week at the Crystal Palace.

Patent leather pumps for Xmas festivities at Peterson & Ruffs. tu-su-tu

Our baggage master meets all trains and will give your trunks his personal attention. Orrell Livery Company.

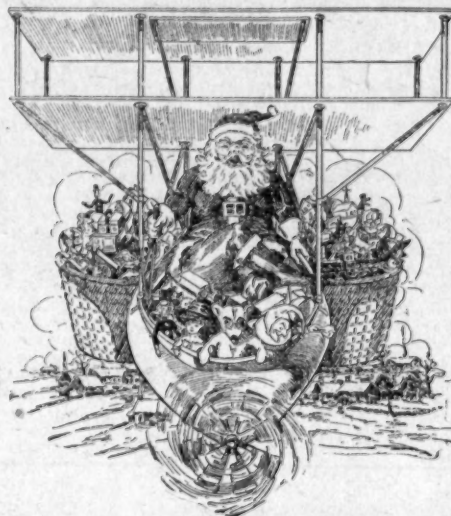
Crawford Shoes
Kirschbaum Clothing.
Howard Hats.

J. H. Rehder & Co.
THE POPULAR DEPARTMENT STORE

"The Firm That Pays Your Car Fare."

Fire Works and Toys

This is the store for everything.
Many new ideas in fancy goods received for this week's sale.



Bed room Slippers in great variety.
New Neckwear, large assortment.
Umbrellas, all prices.
Gloves, Kid and Silk, long and short.
Hosiery, all descriptions.

TOYS! TOYS!
in vast numbers, large and small.
Carriages, Go-Carts, Automobiles.
Wagons and Horns

Change of Business Sale.

The "Change of Business Sale" now in full blast at the Wilmington Furniture Co., has attracted the people quite extensively. The store yesterday was crowded all day with buyers. It is understood that to effect the desired change in the firm the entire stock must be disposed of. Quite a large assortment of new pieces of furniture will be placed on display tomorrow morning. These articles have not been shown before on account of the lack of floor space.

Government Tug Disabled.

The government tug Cynthia late Friday afternoon stove a great hole in her bottom by running into an anchor of the dredge which she was tending near Big Island. Down the river she commenced to fill with water and the pumps had to be kept going until she could be gotten on the marine railway at Skinner's yesterday morning, coming off the same afternoon when the necessary patch had been made.

For the latest toys go to Rehder's.

DIED.

SMITH—At the residence of Fanny Johnson, on Third street, between Brunswick and Bladen streets, city, CY SMITH. He was a faithful member of Ebenezer Baptist Church and one of the Senior Deacons also. He was a member of the Order of Good Samaritans. After a long illness of four or five months, he passed away Friday at 5:40 P. M. The funeral will take place at Ebenezer Baptist Church on Seventh street, between Orange and Ann, Sunday afternoon at 3 P. M. by Rev. O. Walter Moore, pastor. The public is cordially invited to attend.

"IF ONLY"

has been the regret of thousands. After death of the loved one you say "If only I had had a bottle of GOWAN'S PREPARATION in the house, I could have saved the life of the one we loved." Wherever there is Inflammation, GOWAN'S will cure. External. All druggists, 25c, 50c and \$1. Buy today and save the regret and "if only."

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Cut Prices on CANDIES

MALLARD'S FAMOUS CANDIES.
formerly \$1.25 per pound, now \$1.00 per pound.

ALLIGRETTE DELICIOUS CHOCOLATE CREAM, assorted, formerly 80c per pound, now 60c per pound.

LOWNEY'S CELEBRATED Assorted CHOCOLATES, formerly 50c per pound, now 35c per pound.

OUR DORETHY ASSORTED CHOCOLATES, formerly 40c per pound, now 25c per pound.

OUR PURE HOME MADE CANDY Assorted, for Children, only 15c per pound.

The above goods will arrive and be on sale MONDAY for one week. We have no old or stale stock to offer.

E. WARREN & SON
Phone 376.
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USEFUL HOLIDAY PRESENTS

THE MEMORY OF WHICH WILL LINGER LONG AFTER.



Pocket and Table Knives that cut.

Silver Plated Knives, Spoons and Forks.

Jos. Rogers & Sons Carvers and Table Knives.

"The World's Standard Cutlery."

Nickel, Alum. and Agate Percolators, \$1.75 to \$10.00



Boys' Rifles—\$1.50, \$2.00 and \$3.00.

Guns—\$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$8.25, \$10.00, to \$50.00. All standard makes.



Iver Johnson, Smith & Wesson, and Colts. All prices, \$2.50 and up.

Manicure Sets in Leather Cases \$2.00 to \$5.00.

Scissor Sets in Cases, \$1.50 to \$5.00.

Boys' Axes.

Gun Coats.

Leggings.

Gillette Razor Sets.

One Dollar Safety Razors.

Fine Mechanical Tools.

Fine Tool Kits in Morocco Leather Cases, \$5.00.

Boker Razors in Pairs.

Morocco Leather Cases \$3 to \$6.

Pay Us a Call When You Are Shopping.

N. JACOBI HARDWARE CO.

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OUR HOLIDAY OPENING

We will be open every night from now through the Christmas holidays. We have an excellent line of fur top and boudoir slippers and gaiters in all colors, suitable for Christmas gifts. A hearty welcome to all.

BOYLAN & HANCOCK

Phone No. 1445.

No. 7 North Front St.

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BANK CHANGED QUARTERS TAFT CABINET APPOINTEES STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

The City National Bank Moves Into Its New Building—Transferring Millions of Dollars in Currency and Securities.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 19.—In the quiet of a Saturday half holiday in Wall Street, after the suspension of business on the exchanges and the general desertion of the financial district, employees of the National City Bank this afternoon affected the transfer of \$70,000,000 in currency and nearly \$500,000,000 worth of securities from the bank's temporary quarters across Wall street to the new bank building, formerly the old Custom House.

The bank had let it be understood that the contents of the vaults would not be disturbed until Sunday. Thus it was that the street was taken by surprise when, not long after banking hours were over, a squad of policemen formed a double line across the narrow thoroughfare and between the two lines of blue-coats a procession of the bank's 500 employees began to march from the old building to the new, carrying with them small safes, chests, boxes and bags in which the wealth of the bank had been placed for the transferring process.

In rapid succession the men marched with their precious burdens. Two employees were detailed to carry each receptacle. One of these pair carried several millions of dollars in \$10,000 notes in one safe. Close behind each couple walked a plain clothes man and it was remarked that each detective carried his right hand in his overcoat pocket.

DISSOLVED INJUNCTION.

Hearing of Rockingham Power Co., Case in Charlotte Yesterday.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 19.—Before Judge James L. Webb, the case of Chase, Jones and Hugh MacRae vs. the Rockingham Power Company, being a petition for making permanent the injunction granted by Judge B. F. Long about October 30th at Laurinburg, restraining the Rockingham Power Company from proceeding with the work of constructing their big plant on a certain piece of land of disputed ownership at Blewett Falls, on the Pee Dee river, Judge Webb today ruled that the injunction be dissolved, when and if, the Rockingham Power Company gives bond in the sum of \$7,000 to cover possible loss or damage which may be done to the land by the company. The question of the ownership of the land will be decided by a jury in Anson court at its next term.

About 120 acres is involved in the present litigation. Hence the importance of its ownership in its bearing on the future control of the company, which is the subject of war between the North Carolina interests, led by Hugh MacRae & Co., and Wall street interests, who, the former claim, are trying to freeze out the North Carolinians.

The hearing was in the law library Burwell & Cansler, T. W. Davis and F. J. Cox, representing Hugh MacRae & Co., ex-judge J. E. Shepherd, A. S. Dockery, T. L. Caudle and L. D. Robinson appearing for the power company. The strip of land in question is located below the power house but is necessary for the completion of the plant, the tall race being planned to extend over the mooted strip. The power company claims a contract with Hugh MacRae & Co., to deliver the land and their readiness to pay the amount. On the other hand MacRae & Co. claim that they were to receive among other things, about \$50,000 in stock but they now allege this stock is without much value as the property is in the hands of a receiver, and they are not legally bound to dispose of same. Further the contention is that the land is in possession of a New York party, deeded to him by a member of the Hugh MacRae Company and that this party has leased to still another party, now in legal possession. The power company claims this transfer was made for the purpose of giving MacRae & Co. a lever to force the power company to meet any conditions they might want to impose. The MacRae interests say they received a list of all the lands the power company wanted for the development and the strip in question was not specified. The power company claims that it was the understanding this strip was already secured to it and there was no necessity to include it in the list. The plant cannot be completed without the land in question therefore the litigation is vital to this great development.

George Sutton has accepted the challenge of George F. Slosson for a match involving the championship of the world at 15.1 ball line billiards. Sutton, the champion, has selected New York City for the match and the game will be played on Tuesday, January 26th in Madison Square Garden concert hall.

Had a Croup Cail.
Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 50c and \$1.00 Trial bottle free.

For a pleasant drive behind gentle horses call on the Orrell Livery Company, Third and Princess streets or phone number 47.

Fleece soles and crocheted slippers at Peterson & Raulfs.

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Rehder for toys and fireworks.

Newspaper Appointments Do Not Count For Anything—Knox the Only One Chosen—No Other Names Considered.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Augusta, Ga., Dec. 19.—Directed as an answer to the numerous newspaper Cabinet suggestions which have been made recently in many quarters, President-elect Taft said tonight that he had made no progress whatever in making up his Cabinet aside from the Knox announcement.

"Admitting that nearly all of the names have been suggested in the papers have also been suggested to him, and that in nearly all instances he thought well of the men, he insisted that he had reached no determination, nor was there pending any offer of any position to any one."

Since his arrival here Mr. Taft said he had been free from active negotiation regarding his Cabinet, aside from the telegram received yesterday from Senator Knox. In this connection he added that he had made no engagements for conferences on that or other subjects.

Judge Taft has not as yet written Senator Knox of his desire to see him here, nor has he heard from the Senator other than the acceptance telegram. He made it plain yesterday that he should consult his Secretary of State thoroughly before going further into the Cabinet making business.

Judge Taft indulged in golf today and with Mrs. Taft and the boys was a member of a box party given in his honor by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas at a local theatre here tonight. The announced appearance of the President-elect at the theatre resulted in making the occasion one for an elaborate social demonstration.

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STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

TWO BRAND NEW HOUSES—In southern part of city for sale. All the cash I want is \$250. Will take mortgage for balance of \$400, and give you six years to pay this. As an investment it will pay 14 per cent. For particulars apply to J. O. Reilly, Real Estate and Insurance. de 20-1t

VALUABLE PROPERTY—On Chestnut street for sale. Ninety feet on Chestnut by 66 feet deep. Situated just west of the Southern Building. Has three-story brick hotel and a fine building lot. Price only \$8,500. Apply to J. O. Reilly, Real Estate and Insurance. de 20-1t

SWEET FLORIDA ORANGES 20 and 25c per dozen, or \$2 per hundred. Fancy Florida Satsumas and Mandarin oranges, grape fruit and pineapples. E. Warren & Son, phone 376. de 20-1t

FRESH GROUND COCOANUT, 15 cents per quart. Let us bake your fruit cake for you. Our best fruit cake 25 cents per pound. E. Warren & Son, phone 376. de 20-1t

DRUGGISTS—Young man, 17 years of age, well experienced as assistant drug and soda fountain clerk, wants position in drug store at once. Can give best references. Address "Drugs" care Star. de 20-1t

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES—A chance to make your business a success by judicious advertising. Write for free plans and methods of better advertising and December copy of Southern Advertising Journal, also booklet "What Advertisers Say." Address W. E. Duncan, Sou. Adv. Journal, Richmond, Va. de 20-1t

GET A COPY OF "A Southerner in Europe" by Clarence H. Poe—a book not only of readable and interesting travel sketches, but more notable as a vigorous and thought provoking review of Southern needs and Southern opportunities as seen in the light of Old World conditions. Cloth 75 cents, paper 40 cents at bookstores; or from the Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, N. C. de 20-1t

THE CITIZENS' BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION will issue its regular semi-annual series of stock on Saturday, January 2nd, 1909. Subscribers may have shares reserved for them by notifying the undersigned John D. Bellamy, Jr., secretary. de 20-27-31

NOTICE—Brunswick property holders in this city. Sheriff J. J. Knox will be at W. M. Goodman's store on Market street, Tuesday, December 22nd, to collect taxes. de 20-1t

LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING—Rooms down town. Electric lights, porcelain bath tub, sewerage and good location. For rent by J. G. Wright & Son, Real Estate Agents. de 20-3t

OFFICES ON SECOND FLOOR—Suite of two rooms. Southern exposure, light comfortable and no better or more central location in the city. The Smith Building, Princess, between Front and Second streets. For rent by J. G. Wright & Son, Real Estate Agents. de 20-3t

NOTICE—I have impounded a Jersey cow found on my place. Has long chain around neck and brass knobs on horns. Owner can secure same by paying charges. Owen Martindale, R. F. D. No. 2, City. de 20-2t

WANTED—Ladies to sell tickets for an entertainment. Liberal pay. Apply early "Opera" Phares hotel, 121 Market street. de 20-1t

WANTED—Position by experienced shoe and clothing salesman, beginning January 1st. Address "Y" Box 13, Maxton, N. C. de 20-1t

WANTED—High grade, hustling specialty salesman for staple line with advertising that pays. Permanent place, worth \$5,000 or better to producer. AA 45, P. O. Box 470, Kansas City, Mo. de 20-1t

SALESMAN WANTED—To represent us, experience unnecessary. \$75 to \$150 per month and expenses or commission. Yale Cigar Co., Indianapolis, Ind. de 20-1t

WANTED—By experienced salesman, position with Wilmington wholesale grocery house for 1909. Address "Salesman" general delivery, Wilmington. de 20-1t

BLOOMING PLANTS and ferns. Variety of cut flowers. Ask to see the new "Christmas Cards" and ferns. Mrs. George B. Brooks, 510 South Third street. Phone 1240. de 20-3t

WANTED—Salesmen of ability and best appearance to call on all merchants in their territory; elegant safe line, convenient to carry; good commissions; prompt remittance. Belmont Mfg. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. de 13-16 t sun*

CYPHERS INCUBATORS, the kind you don't have to watch all night. Incubators, brooders and poultry supplies of every kind. Everything guaranteed. W. E. Merritt, 114 Princess street. se 6 sun only 3m

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS—Overhauled, repaired and tuned. Work guaranteed. Address Geo. Haar, 315 South Fifth street. de 2 eod 1m

CABBAGE PLANTS—Garden plants grown in the open air will stand the coldest winter. Price one to four thousand \$1.50, four to nine thousand \$1.25, over nine thousand \$1 per thousand. F. O. B. Meggetts, S. C. We have special express rates. Write us for agent's outfit and proposition. N. H. Blitch Co., Meggetts, S. C. The largest truck farm in the world. de 9 eod jan 1.

MOTHER'S JOY is made of pure goose grease and other healing ingredients. Mothers, you can't afford to be without a box of mother's joy. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

FOR RENT—Store and warehouse 103 North Water street, at present occupied by J. S. Funchess & Co. Possession given at once. Apply to Morris Bear & Bros. au 5 su-we-fr-tf.

PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, NOTARY PUBLIC—Expert work of any kind, anywhere, any time. Court reporting, depositions, medical papers. Notarial work. Meares Harris, 114 Princess street. Phone 708; residence phone 546. sep 2 eod

FRESH GROUND COCOANUT—15 cents per quart. Let us make your cakes for you; our best fruit cake only 25 cents per pound. Florida oranges 20 and 25 cents per dozen. E. Warren & Son. de 19-1t

\$50.00 REWARD—I will pay that amount to any one furnishing sufficient evidence to convict persons who place maliciously on the public highways any obstacles such as glass, nails, etc., to the detriment of horses and automobiles. Frank Herbst, Agent. de 16-1w

GOOD BARGAIN—Three mules and log wagon all in good order, for sale cheap to close out. Hall & Pearsall, Nutt and Brunswick streets. de 15-1w

PHOTOGRAPHS—Visit the U. C. Ellis Studio for bright, clear, artistic photographs that don't fade. At reasonable prices. de 3-1t

DELMONICO CAFE—Blue Point oysters on half shell and quail on toast. de 1-1m

MOTHER, do you hear that rattling in your baby's throat put a little of mother's joy on it and stop it at once. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

THE GILBERT HOUSE—Combines home comforts with hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets; junction of all cars. Cars to depot. Steam heat, electric light and hot water. Table equals the best and rates reasonable. Transient \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day. Rates to regular and table boarders. oct 25-1t

LUMBER AT RAIL—Grades and prices right. See us before buying Angola Lumber Co. aug 30-1t

THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Others come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays. de 5-tf.

UPHOLSTERING, repairing, varnishing, at 114 1-2 Dock street. Phone No. 1465. Carolina Upholstering Company, P. J. Breen, manager. de 6-1t

BOARDING—Permanent and transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St. Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 713. sep 22-1t

FOR SALE—A four-room cottage, in center of city on car line. Has gas, water, electric lights and telephone. Splendid neighborhood. Address "B. S. W." care of Star office. noc 25-1t

FOR SALE—One sorrel horse, weighing 1,400 pounds, 7 years old; well broke, kind and gentle, sound in every way. Will sell or exchange for two smaller horses. This horse too large for our purpose. Address C. M. Faircloth, Clinton, N. C. de 11-4w

MOTHER'S, how can you take the chance? Keep a bottle of mother's joy in your house. You need mother's joy every day. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

\$12.50 **\$12.50**

The International Tailoring Co. Sale

THE BEST OF ALL

More orders than ever before have been taken in the first week of

Our Great **\$12.50** Made-to-Measure Semi-Annual 2-Piece Suit Sale.

The assortment is still very large and there are many patterns to make your selection from. These values range from \$18 to \$40, and they all go in at the one price: \$12.50 for 2-piece suit, \$14.50 for suit or with silk vest, as you may prefer; and \$4.50 for extra pants. Order early; don't delay. **TERMS: Strictly Cash.**

I. SHRIER

N. E. Corner Front and Princess Sts.

Wilmington, North Carolina.

\$12.50 **\$12.50**

CLOSING OUT

All whiskey must be sold before January 1st, 1909, and in order to dispose of them, I will sell for the following prices:

150 cases Jefferson Club will be sold for, per case..... **\$8.50**

Jefferson Club in Bulk.	
	Per Gal.
Royal Oak	\$2.25
G. P. R.	\$2.25
Manhattan Rye	\$2.50
Pamlico Club	\$2.25
Best Corn in Bulk.	
Old Harvest	\$2.75
Stokes County	\$1.75
Old Dixie	\$2.25
Best Gin in Bulk.	
Dutch Gin	\$2.50
Best Holland Gin	\$2.50
Rising Sun Gin	\$2.25
Turkey Gin	\$2.25
Best Wine in Bulk.	
Scuppernon Wine	\$1.25
Sherry Wine	\$1.25

Case Goods.	
	Per Quart.
J. Club	75c
Rose Valley	75c
Centennial Rye	70c
G. P. R. Rye	75c
Rooney's Malt	75c
Corn.	
Old Harvest	75c
Old Dixie	75c
Tar Heel	75c

All goods will be sold for these prices at all three stores: Seventh and Castle Sts., Sixth and Castle Sts., Fourth and Church Sts.

E. A. TODD

Wilmington

N. Carolina

WANTED:

Twenty-five young people to enroll in each of our schools on our special "Xmas Gift" offers. The greatest offers ever made. For full information, write the school you prefer to attend:

SOUTHERN BUSINESS COLLEGE
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THE SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL SCHOOL AND AUDIT COMPANY

THE CHANGE OF BUSINESS SALE

AT

The Wilmington Furniture Co.'s Store

Is attracting buyers from far and near. The high character of the goods, together with the lowness of price, is what's doing it. We will allow no slack minutes at this sale. Everything must be sold. The necessity of the case makes this imperative. To affect the desired change in the business, the entire stock must be sold. Don't hesitate, but come to this store at once if you want to save money.

**We Invite
Inspection**



**No Trouble to
Show Goods**

The lack of space prevented showing samples of many choice pieces in the opening. Many new and attractive articles have arrived since the opening, all of which will be shown next week. Monday an almost entirely new exhibit will be made. Store will be closed until 10 o'clock Monday getting new goods on the floor. Only a few days left to select useful as well as attractive Xmas presents.

THE WILMINGTON FURNITURE COMPANY

CORNER SECOND AND PRINCESS STREETS.

CARRELL BUILDING.

J. L. STERN & CO., Managers of Sale.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Newbern Journal: Several citizens were pulled yesterday for non-payment of dog tax and a few fines imposed. It is said that there are upwards of two hundred dogs in town upon which no taxes have been paid.

—Lenoir Tople: Mr. Molton Triplett has recently shipped seventy bushels of apples to the orphanage at Thomasville. These apples came from friends at Patterson, Lower Creed, King's Creek and Little River.

—Asheville Gazette-News: A telegram this morning to Dr. G. S. Tennant, of this city, from the New York office of the Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Board, conveyed the sad intelligence of the death at Changh, Hunan, China, last Friday of his niece, Mrs. W. L. Berst, formerly Miss Grace Venable, of this city.

—Greensboro Record: Capt. Coble lost out at last in the race for the prize given by The Washington Herald for the most popular conductor on the Southern Railway after being in the lead for the past week. The Washington man, who runs on the main line, defeated him by something like 20,000. Capt. Coble, however, gets second prize.

—Charlotte Observer: Mr. C. A. Cornelson, Jr., class of '04, will take Dr. T. P. Harrison's place in the chair of English at Davidson. Mr. Cornelson has been the "locum tenens" in the A. & M. during the fall term. He is well equipped for his work, having spent a year or more at Johns Hopkins University and a year possibly in Europe.

—Winston Journal: Miss Yettie Huffman, who lives at the home of Mr. Henry Thomson, six miles north of the city, was found dead in bed yesterday morning. Miss Huffman, who was a most lovable old lady, had not been ill, and when she retired Thursday night the family had no intimation that she would not wake next morning. She was 56 years of age.

—Waycross, Ga., Dec. 18.—Charles Goddard, said to be of Fayetteville, N. C., was arrested here this morning charged with the abduction of the wife of M. D. Bailey, Jr., the son of a rich tobacco manufacturer of Winston-Salem. Goddard says he knows nothing of the charges. "Mr. and Mrs. Goddard" was recorded on the hotel register. He is held waiting instructions from Winston-Salem.

—Winston Sentinel: The old lady known as "Grannie Patterson" living at the foot of the Blue Ridge, on the old Wilkesboro and Jefferson road, was found dead Monday. Poul play is suspected and an inquest will be held there tomorrow evening. Travelers across the Blue Ridge, during the last 32 years will remember this widely-known old woman, who oft times

administered "spirits" to the wayfarers.

—Durham, Dec. 18.—This afternoon at 2 o'clock the business section of the city was visited by one of the biggest fires since the Carolina fire more than 18 months ago. The fire today started in the Durham Book and Stationery Company's store and the entire building was gutted, but the flames did not spread. It is estimated tonight that the total losses are in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

—Newbern Journal: According to the Snow Hill Laconic, the town commissioners at that place have repealed the ordinance prohibiting drunkenness on the street. Judge Allen, it seems, took a hand in the matter, while holding court there and ordered all public drunks be brought before him for punishment. The Laconic is informed that there will be "quite a batch" hauled up, but regrets the loss of the fines which the town might impose and collect.

—Newton Enterprise: There has just been gotten out in The Enterprise shop a Confederate catechism for the use of the children of North Carolina. The book is the work of that highly accomplished woman and loyal daughter, Mrs. John P. Allison, of Concord, and is a work that should be in the hands of every family in this State. The book in simple language teaches the great truths of the Confederacy. The little books sell for ten cents each and are in the hands of Mrs. F. M. Williams only.

—Greenville Reflector: At Falkland Wednesday afternoon Mr. C. C. Adams met with an accident that means him for life. Mr. Adams was foreman of the gin system operated at Falkland by J. L. Fountain & Co. He started to shut off one of the gins and stepped up on the box of the seed screw to reach the lever. It seems that the screw box was open at the time, and as Mr. Adams stepped upon it his foot slipped in the box and was caught by the screw. His foot was completely crushed and almost ground to a pulp.

—Charlotte, Dec. 18.—The peonage cases against Gaston county cotton mill men were completed in the Federal court this afternoon when the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the cases of Messrs. Andrew Moore and B. J. Dobbins, of Gastonia, charged with having kept certain employees in peonage. The result of the verdict was that two other cases of similar nature were non-suited by the court, and thus the other matter was closed off the court docket. Not a little excitement has been occasioned among cotton mill men by reason of these cases instituted by the government. The defense showed that in the alleged cases household goods, mortgaged to the mill for debt had been held up, but that nothing whatever was ever mentioned about holding the employees personally on account of these obligations, for the purpose of making them work out the debts. After the jury returned its verdict, Judge Boyd had something to say about the prosecution which indicated that he did not think there was reason sufficient or that there was a demand for prosecutions of this nature against cotton mill manufacturers.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE TO THE BEACH

FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 7:00, 8:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM WRIGHTSVILLE.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:20, 7:25, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 7:25, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM THE BEACH.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 7:15, 7:45, 9:15, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:45, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

TO GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:25, 3:00, 3:45, 4:30, 5:05, 6:00, 6:05, 7:00, 7:05, 8:30, 9:05, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:25, 8:30, 9:05, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 12:05, 1:00, 1:25, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:35, 7:40, 8:10, 8:40, 9:40, 11:10 A. M., 12:40, 2:10, 2:35, 3:55, 4:10, 5:15, 6:40, 6:45, 7:15, 8:10, 9:15, 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:35, 9:11, 10:10, 11:10 A. M., 12:15, 12:40, 1:15, 2:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 5:40, 6:10, 7:10, 8:11, 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

"Carolina" Car, all others shown in above schedule marked "Beach."

Leave Wilmington Daily except Sunday 3:00 P. M. Freight Depot open from 3:00 to 3:00 P. M.

TALK ABOUT DISTRIBUTION!

Geo. O. Gaylord's Big Stores

are distributing Toys of every kind in great abundance to old Santa Claus. The Christmas shopping has begun in earnest and we are trying hard to please everyone. In the great selection of goods we are showing, you are most sure to find what you want. Our stock is not broken, every department is replenished every day from our Wholesale Department. We own this great immense stock of goods, bought direct from the manufacturer, and we can, and we do sell cheaper than the others. It is up to us to prove it, and I am glad of the opportunity to do so. We have an assortment of all kinds of wagons, both wood and iron from the small steel wagon at 10c up to a large farm wagon at \$7.50 each. We have goat harness at \$1.75, and Goat Sulkies for \$2.50, extra shafts for \$1.00 a set. Doll carriages, the new collapsible kind, which fold up, for \$2.50. Wood and Reed Carriages from 25c to \$4.50. We just received a nice line of Children's Carriages for the real live baby, the kind that has rubber tires, folding tops, collapsible frame, the Carriage that you can't get elsewhere for \$12.50, our special Christmas price \$7.50 and \$8.50 each.

In Doll Babies for the home Christmas tree or Sunday Schools, sold exclusively at wholesale prices in all kinds and styles from 1c each to \$7.50 each. Our line of 10c dolls are 15 inches tall with bisque heads with hair and teeth and movable limbs, a doll that is worth 25c you can buy from us at 10c each.

Ladies Cloaks—We have just bought a large assortment of new samples at half price. A \$7.00 Cloak sold for \$3.98; \$5.00 Cloak for \$2.69; a \$10.00 Cloak for \$5.00. A big reduction in Cloaks all through the line. Remember we have hundreds of cloaks to sell and the price is no object. A beautiful assortment of Bear skin Cloaks just received today for the children. Listen for the Christmas chimes and be ready on time, and let us help you out in getting together the assortment of presents that you want. Remember, the store that has fifty clerks and each one is anxious to please you.

**The Big Store On
Front Street
GEO. O. GAYLORD,
PROPRIETOR.**

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ALL NEXT WEEK,
Commencing Monday Night with
"THE MINER'S DAUGHTER,"
The Well Known and Clever
Demorest Comedy Co.
Plenty of Vaudeville,
Popular Prices.
Ladies Free Monday Night and
Seats on Sale Saturday.
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Consisting of
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Ever shown in this city.
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Prices to suit everybody.

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STATEMENT CONDITION
THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK
OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the close of business Nov. 27, 1908.

RESOURCES.
Loans and Discounts...\$2,574,534 92
N. C. State and other
Bonds .. 188,004 25
U. S. Bonds (at par)... 550,000 00
Bank Buildings .. 55,000 00
Cash .. 1,228,698 18
\$4,596,237 35

LIABILITIES.
Capital 550,000 00
Surplus and Net Profits.. 298,134 69
Circulation .. 550,000 00
U. S. Bond Account 100,000 00
Deposits .. 3,098,102 66
\$4,596,237 35

H. C. McQUEEN, President.
J. V. GRAINGER, Vice President.
J. W. YATES, Vice President.
C. S. GRAINGER, Cashier.

Satan Sanderson

By HALLIE ERMINIE RIVES,
Author of "Hearts Courageous," Etc.

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(Continued From Last Sunday.)

SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—David Stires, determined to disinherit his scapegrace son Hugh in favor of his blind ward, Jessica Holme, is dissuaded by the girl and the Rev. Harry Sanderson. The latter, who resembles Hugh greatly, sowed his wild oats with the younger Stires in college, where he was known as "Satan Sanderson." II—Hugh returns and is welcomed by his father. There is no hope of Hugh's reformation, but Jessica, deceived by her blindness, loves him. He plans to marry her. III—Harry lends him money. IV—Jessica is to marry Hugh and a foreign surgeon is coming to operate on her eyes. Jessica, whose sight is restored, is married to Hugh, Harry officiating, although he loves the girl. Immediately after the ceremony Stires is informed that his son has forged his name for \$5,000. V—Harry, sent up-stairs to bring Jessica to the old man, is mistaken by her for her newly wedded husband. He kisses her. VI—Hugh flees, and Jessica reproaches Harry for having led him into evil ways in college. Stires signs the will disinheriting Hugh. VII and VIII—Nearly a year has passed. Hugh who has been in the mining country, returns and reproaches Harry for his downfall. The minister in an effort to save him plays cards with him on the altar table. Harry stakes gold and the spendthrift waxes wafers, each one representing a day of decent living.

He swiftly turned the clicking combination of the safe, wrenched open the door and took out two heavy canvas bags. He snapped the cord from the neck of one of these, and a ringing stream of double eagles swept flinging on the table. He dipped his hand in the yellow pile. A thought mad as the hoofs of runaway horses was careening through his brain. He felt an odd lightness of mind, a tense tingling of every nerve and muscle.

"Here's two thousand dollars—yours if you win it—for you shall play for it, you gambler, who pays his debts of honor and no other! You shall play fair and straight, if you never play again!"

Hugh gazed at Harry in a startled way. This was not the ministerial Harry Sanderson he had known—this figure with the white, infuriate face, the sparkling eyes and the strange, veiled look. This reminded him of the reckless spirit of his college days, that he had patterned after and had stood in awe of.

"How can I play," he said, "when you know very well I haven't a sou markee?"

Harry stuffed the gold back into the bag. He snatched the cards from Hugh's hand and a box of waxen envelope wafers from his desk. There was a strange light in his eye, a tremor in his fingers.

"It is I who play with money!" he said. "My gold against your counters! Each of those hundred red disks represents a day of your life—a day, do you understand—a red day of your sin! A day of yours against a double eagle! What you win you keep. But for every counter I win you shall pay me one straight, white day, a clean day, lived for decency and for the right!"

Hugh's eyes were fastened on the gold in Harry's fingers. Two thousand dollars! If luck came his way he could go far on that—far enough to escape the nameless terror that pursued him in every shadow. Money against red wafers? Why, it was plenty if he won, and if he lost he had staked nothing. What a fool Harry was!

Harry saw the shrewd, calculating look that came to his eyes. He caught his wrist.

"Not here," he said hoarsely. He flung open the chapel door and pushed him aside. He seized one of the altar candles, lit it with a match and stuck it upright in its own wax on the small communion table that stood just inside the altar rail, with the cards, the red wafers and the bags of coin. He dragged two chairs forward.

"Now," he said in a strained voice, "put up your hand—your right hand—and swear before this altar, on the gambler's honor you boast of, win or lose, to abide by this game!"

Hugh shrank. He was superstitious. The calculating look had fled. He glanced half fearfully about him—at Harry's white face—at the high altar with its vases of August lilies; at the great rose window, now a mass of white, opaque blotches on which the three black crosses stood out with weird distinctness; at the lurking, unlighted shadows in the corners. He looked longingly at the gold, shining yellow in the candle light. It fascinated him.

He lifted his hand. It was trembling. "I swear I will!" he said. "I'll stand by the cards, Harry, and for every day you win I'll walk a chalk line, so help me God!"

Harry Sanderson sat down. He emptied one of the bags at his elbow and pushed the box of wafers across the table. He shuffled the cards swiftly and cut.

"Your deal!" he said.

Chapter 9

HALLELUJAH JONES had finished his labor for the night. The crowd had grown restive and finally melted away, and his audience gone, he folded the camp stool, turned off the gasoline flare, shut down the lid of his melodeon and trundled it up the street.

As he pushed up the street he came to a great motor car standing at the curb under the maples. There was no one in it, but somewhere in its interior a muffled whirling throb beat evenly like a double metallic heart. He stopped and regarded it inquisitively. A rich man's property, to be sure!

He looked up. It was at the gate of the chapel. No doubt it belonged to the fashionable rector who had been pointed out to him on the street the day before. He remembered the young, handsome face, the stylish broadcloth. Yet it was a beautiful edifice that wealth had built there for Christ. He saw dimly the stone angel standing in the porch and, leaving his melodeon on the pavement, entered the gate to examine it.

He noticed now a dim flicker that lit one corner of the great rose window. Moving softly over the cropped grass, he approached, tilted one of the hinged panels and peered in. Two men were there, behind the altar railing, seated at the communion table.

Hallelujah Jones started back. There on the table was a bag of coin, cards and counters. They were playing—he heard the fall of the cards on the hard

wood, saw the gleam of a gold piece, the smear of melted wax marring the polished oak. The reddish glow of the candle was reflected on the players' faces. They were gambling! At God's holy altar and on Christ's table! Who would dare such a profanation?

He craned his neck. Suddenly he gave a smothered cry. The player facing him he recognized—it was the rector himself!

He bent forward, gazing with a tense and horrified curiosity.

Five times, ten times, the cards had changed hands, and with every deal Harry lost. The gold disks had slipped steadily across the table. But he had seemed to be looking beyond the ebb and flow of the jettons and the pale face opposite him that gloated over its yellow pile. Though that pile grew larger and larger, Harry's face had never changed. Hugh's was the shaking hand when he discarded, the convulsed features when he scanned his draw, the desperate anxiety when for a moment fortune seemed to waver. He had never in his life had such luck! He swept his winnings into his pockets with a discordant laugh as he noted that of the contents of the opened bag Harry had but one double eagle remaining.

Harry paused an instant. He snapped the little gold cross he wore from its silken tether and set it upright by him on the table.

His hand won, and the next, and the next. Hugh boarded his gold; he staked the red wafers—each one a day! He had won almost a thousand dollars, but the second bag had not yet been opened, and the vampire intoxication was running molten hot in his veins. The untouched bag drew him as the magnet mountain drew the adventurous Sindbad—he could have snatched it in his eagerness.

But the luck had changed. His red counters diminished, melted. He would soon have to draw on his real winnings. Cold beads of sweat broke on his forehead.

Neither saw the face pressed against the aperture. Neither guessed the wild and terrible thoughts that were raging through the mind of the solitary watcher as he peered and peered.

Scarce knowing what he did, he closed the panel softly and ran across the chapel lawn. On the pavement outside he met a man approaching. It was the bishop. The excited evangelist did not know the man, but his eye caught the ministerial dress, the plain, sturdy pliability of the face. In his zeal he saw an instrument to his hand. He grasped the bishop's arm.

"Quick! Quick!" he gasped. "There's devil work doing in there! Come and see!" He fairly pulled him inside the gate.

The puzzled bishop saw the intense excitement of the other's demeanor. He saw the faint glow in the corner of the rose window. Were there thieves after the altar plate?

He shook off the eager hand that was drawing him toward the window

"Not there. Come this way," he said and hurried toward the porch. He tried the chapel door. It was fast. He had a key to this in his pocket. He inserted it with caution, opened the door noiselessly and went in, the street preacher at his heels.

What the bishop saw was photographed instantaneously on his mind in fiery, indelible colors. It ate into his soul like hot iron into quivering flesh, searing itself upon his memory. The evangelist of the pave had been horrified, shocked to word and action; the bishop was frozen, inarticulate, impaled. For any evil in Hugh Stires he was prepared—since the forgery. But Hugh's companion now was the man whom he himself had ordained and anointed by the laying on of hands with the chrism of his holy ministry. An irrepressible exclamation burst from his lips.

With the sound both men at the table started to their feet. Hugh, with a single glance behind him, uttering a wild laugh, leaped the railing, dashed through the study and vanished into the night. Harry, as though suddenly turned to stone, stood staring at the accusatory figure, with the eager form of the evangelist behind it.

To the bishop it seemed the attitude of guilt detected.

What was Harry Sanderson thinking as under that speechless regard he mechanically gathered the scattered cards and lifted the little cross and the unopened bag of double eagles from



"I swear I will!" he said.

the table? Where was the odd excitement, the strange exaltation, that had possessed him? The spindles in his brain had stilled, and an alid calm had succeeded as abrupt as the quiet, deadly assurance with which his mind now saw the pit into which his own feet had led him.

He blew out the candle, replaced it carefully in its altar bracket, made shift to wipe the wax from the table and slowly, half blindly and without a word, went into the study.

The bishop came forward, drew the key from the inside of the study door, closed it and locked it from the chapel side. Harry did not turn, but he was actually conscious of every sound. He heard the door shut sharply, the harsh grate of the key in the lock, and the sound came to him like the last sentence—the realization of a soul on whom the gate of the good closes forever.

In the dark silence of the chapel Hallelujah Jones smote his thin hands together approvingly as he followed the bishop to the outer door. There the older man laid his hand on his shoulder.

"Let him that thinketh he standeth," he said, "take heed lest he fall! Let not this knowledge be spread abroad that it make the unrighteous to blaspheme. When you pray for your own soul tonight pray for the soul of that man from whom God's face is turned away!"

Something in the churchless evangelist bowed to the voice of ecclesiastical authority. He went without a word.

In the study Harry Sanderson stood for a moment with the cards and the bag of double eagles in his hand. Finally he put the cards and the canvas bag methodically into the safe and



Harry stood staring at the accusatory figure.

closed it. Then he knelt by his desk and said, clearly and aloud—to that cold, inner symbol of consciousness in his soul:

"O God, I do not know if thou art, as has been said, a seer of the good that is in the bad, and of the bad that is in the good, and a lover of them both. But I know that I am in a final extremity. I can no longer do my labor consistently before the world and before thee. If I am delivered it must be by some way of thine own that I cannot conceive, for I cannot help myself. Amen."

He rose to his feet, mechanically put on a coat that was lying on a chair—Hugh's coat, but he did not notice this—and bareheaded passed out to the street. The motor car stood

there. He took his place in the forward seat and threw on the power.

Backing joyously, Hummy, the brown spaniel, tore out of the gate, but his master did not stop. The little creature pursued the moving car, made a frantic leap to gain his seat, but missed, and the huge armored wheel struck and buried him to the gutter.

Harry did not hear the sharp yelp of pain. His hand was on the lever, pushing it over, over, to its last notch, and the great mechanism, responding with a leap, sped away, faster and faster, through the night.

Chapter 10

FIVE miles through the dark, under the breathless, expectant stars. The car was on the broad curve now where the road bent to the bluff

above the river to pass the skeleton railroad bridge. But Harry knew neither place nor time. He was conscious only of motion—swift, swallow-like, irresistible—this and the racing pictures in his brain stenciled on the blur of night that closed around him. These pictures came and went—the last revel of the saints when he was Satan Sanderson, Hugh sneering at his calling, Jessica facing him with unbanded eyes, Hallelujah Jones preaching on the street corner.

Something in Harry's brain seemed to snap. A tiny shutter, like that of a camera, fell down. His hands dropped from the steering wheel, and, swaying in his seat, he began to sing in a voice made high and uneven by the speed of the car:

"Palms of victory!
Crowns of glory!
Palms of victory I shall wear!"

He sang but the three lines, for suddenly the car left the road, the inflated tires rebounded from the steel ridge of the railroad track, the forward axle caught an iron signal post, and the great motor car, its shattered lamp jangling like a gong, its pistons thrusting in midair, reared on two wheels, hurling its occupant out like a pebble thrown from a sling, half turned and, leaving a trail of sparks like the tail of a rocket behind it, plunged heavily over the rim of the bluff into the river.

A moment later the deep black waters of "the hole" had closed above the mass of sentient steel. The swift current had smoothed away every trace of the strange monster it had engulfed, and there by the side of the track, huddled against the broken signal post, his clothing plastered with mud and grime, motionless and with a nasty cut on the temple, lay Harry Sanderson.

A long, saturating peace, a deep and drenching darkness, had folded him. Dully at first, at length more insistently and sharply, a rhythmic pulsing sound began to annoy the quietude. K-track, k-track, k-track—it grew louder; it grew more momentous and material; it irritated the calm that had wrapped the animate universe. As though from an immeasurable distance he heard a low, continuous roar and now and again through the roar nearer voices.

Harry awoke. His mind awoke, but his eyes did not open at once, for the gentle swaying that cradled him was pleasant, and the muffled clack and hum soothed him like opium. He opened his eyes. It was daylight. He was lying on dusty boards that rattled and vibrated beneath him, the floor of an empty freight car in motion. A small brown dog, an abject, muddled and shivering morsel, was snuggled close to his side. It whined as if with joy to see his eyes opened, and its stubby tail beat the floor.

Harry turned his head. Two men in dingy garments were seated on the floor a little distance away thumbing a decrepit pack of cards over an empty box. He could see both side faces, one weather beaten and good humored, the other crafty—knights of the road.

The sudden movement had sent a momentary twinge to his temple. He put up his hand. It touched a coarse handkerchief that had been bound tightly about it. The corner hung down. It was soiled and stiff with blood. What was he doing there? Where was he? Who was he?

It came to him with a start that he actually for the moment did not know who he was—that he had ridiculously slipped the leash of his identity. He smiled at his predicament. He would lie quietly for a few moments, and it would come. Of course it would come.

Yet it did not come, though he lay many moments, the fingers of his mind fumbling for the latch of the closed door. He had waked perfectly well, all save the slight cut on his temple, and that was clearly superficial, a mere scratch. Not a trouble or anxiety marred his soul. His mind was as clear and light as a lark's. Body and brain together felt as if they had never had a serious ache in the world. But all that had preceded his awakening was gone from him as completely as though it had had no existence.

Stealthily he rose to a sitting posture and, with a frown of humorous perplexity, took a swift and silent inventory. He scanned his clothing. His

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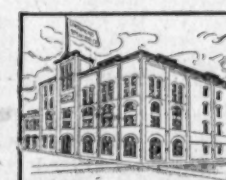
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coat was threadbare and, with mud, oil and coal dust, was in a more disreputable state. His wristbands were grimy, and one cufflink had been torn away. He had no hat.

He thought himself of his pockets and went through them methodically one by one. They yielded several dollars in coin, a penknife and a tiny gold cross, but not a letter, not a scrap of paper, nothing to serve him. The gleam of a ring on his finger caught his eye. He rubbed away the dirt and carefully examined it, wondering if the stone was real. His hand was slightly cut and swollen, and the creel would not come off, but by shifting it slightly he could see the white depression made by long wear. The setting was an old one, formed of the twisted letters H. S. Those naturally should be his initials, but there he stopped. He repeated to himself all the names he could think of, beginning with S, but they told him nothing.

He looked himself over again carefully, reflectively. He put out his hand and laid it on the spaniel's head. Its rough tongue licked his fingers. It held up one fore paw mutely and lamely. He drew the feverish, dirty little creature into his lap and examined the limp member. It was broken. "Poor little beggar!" said he under his breath. "So you've been knocked out too!" With his knife he cut a piece from the lining of his coat and with a splinter of wood from the floor he set the fractured bone and wrapped the leg tightly. The dog submitted without a whimper, and when he set it down it lay quietly beside him watching him with affectionate canine solicitude.

"I wonder who we are, you and I?" muttered Harry Sanderson whimsically. "I wonder!"

The players looked around. One of them nodded approvingly.

"Right as a trivet!" he said. "I made a pretty good job of that cut of yours. Hurt you much?"

"No," said Harry. "I'm obliged to you for the attention."

"Foolish to walk on a railroad track," the other went on. "By your looks you've been on the road long enough to know better. We stopped to tank there, and we picked you up, you and your young legged mate. Must have been a bit squiffy, eh?"

He winked and took a flask from his pocket. "Have a hair of the dog that bit you?" he said.

Harry took the flask and, wiping the top on his sleeve, uncorked it. Something in the penetrating odor of the contents seemed to cleave through far mental wastes to an intimate, though mysterious, goal. He put it to his lips and drank thirstily.

As the burning liquid scorched his throat a recrudescence of old impulses surged up through the crust of more modern usage. The Harry Sanderson of the new, remorseful, temperate life, of chastened impulses, of rote and rule and reformed habit—the rector of St. James—had been lost on that wild night ride. The man who had awakened in the freight car was the Satan Sanderson of four years before.

INCE that tragical wedding day at the white house in the aspens Jessica had passed through a confusion of experiences. She had always lived much in herself, and to

her natural reserve her blindness had added. As a result her knowledge both of herself and of life had been superficial. The first bitter shock of her catastrophe seemed to burn up in her the very capacity for further poignant suffering, and she went through the motions of life apathetically.

Change of scene and the declining health of David Stires occupied fortunately much of her waking thoughts. After the first few months of travel he faltered steadily. His clitic ailments were forgotten, his harsh tempers put aside. Hour after hour he lay in his chair, gazing out from the wide sun parlor of the sanitarium on the crest of Smoky mountain, whither their journeying had finally brought them. He had never spoken of Hugh. In time her fiercer pain had dulled, and her imagination, naturally so importunate, had begun to seize upon her surroundings. In the summer season the sanitarium had few guests, and for this she was thankful. Dr. Brent, its head, rallying her on her paleness, drove her out of doors with good natured severity, and when she was not with David Stires she walked or rode for hours at a time over the mountain trails. Breathing in the crisp air of altitude, her spirits grew more buoyant. She fed the squirrels, listened to the pert chirp of the whistling jack and the whirring drum of the partridge or sat on a hidden elevation which she named "The Knob," facing across the shallow valley to the south.

The knob overlooked a little grassy shelf a few hundred feet below, where stood a miner's cabin, with weed grown gravel heaps near by. In front of which a tree bore the legend painted roughly on a board, "The Little Paymaster Claim."

Her interest had opened eagerly to these scenes. The solitudes soothed, and the life of the community below, frankly primitive and uncomplicated, attracted her. Between the town of Smoky Mountain and the expensive sanitarium on the ridge a great social gulf was fixed. The latter's patrons for the most part came and went by the narrow gauge road that linked with northern junction. The settlement far below was only a feature of the panorama for which they paid so well. Even Dr. Brent, who had perched this place of healing where his patients could breathe air fresh from the Pacific and cooled by the snow peaks, knew it chiefly through two of its citizens—Mrs. Halloran, the capable, bustling wife of the proprietor of the Mountain Valley House, the town's single hostelry, who brewed old fashioned blackberry wine and cordials for his patients, and Tom Felder, a young lawyer whom he had known on the coast before ill health had sent him to hang out his shingle in a more genial altitude.

The latter sometimes came for a chat with the physician, and on one of these calls Jessica and he had met. She had liked his keen, good humored face and waving, slightly graying hair. She had met him once since on the mountain road, and he had walked with her and told her quaint stories of the townspeople. He had taken her to Mrs. Halloran, whose heart she had won by praise of her cherry cordial.

"It brings back my boyhood," David Stires said to her one afternoon, tapping the bottle by his wheel chair. "Somehow this has the old taste."

"It is nearly gone," she said. "I'll get another bottle. I am going for a ride now. I think it does you good."

"Before you go," he said, "fetch my writing case, and I will dictate a letter."

She brought and opened it with a trouble at her heart, for the request showed his increasing weakness. Until today the few letters he had written had been done with his own hand. Thinking of this as she waited, her fingers nervously plucked at the inside of the leather cover. The morocco flap fell and disclosed a slip of paper. It was a canceled bank draft. It bore Hugh's name, and across its face in David Stires' crabbed hand, written large, was the venomous word "Forgery."

The room swam before her eyes. Only by a fierce effort could she compel her pen to trace the dictated words. Hugh's misdeed, evil as it was, had been to her but an abstract crime. Now it suddenly lay bare before her, a concrete expression of coarse thievery, a living symbol of crafty simulation. Scarcely knowing why she did it, she drew the draft covertly from its receptacle and slipped it into her bosom.

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Lv. New York .. 9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar. Philadelphia .. 11:37 am	12:15 pm
Ar. Baltimore .. 2:12 pm	2:51 pm
Ar. Washington .. 3:45 pm	4:30 am
Lv. Norfolk .. 5:55 pm	8:25 am
Lv. Richmond .. 7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar. Petersburg .. 8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar. Weldon .. 9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar. Rocky Mount .. 11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar. Wilson .. 11:47 pm	1:58 pm
Ar. Goldsboro .. 6:15 am	3:00 pm
Ar. Wilmington .. 9:25 am	6:10 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.	
Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wilt'n .. 5:15 am	7:30 pm
Ar. Flor. .. 9:05 am	8:20 pm
Ar. Col'bia .. 12:25 pm	10:45 pm
Ar. Ch't'n .. 1:10 pm	11:18 pm
Ar. Sa'n. .. 6:20 pm	2:10 am
Ar. Jk'ville .. 7:15 am	9:54 am
Ar. Tampa .. 6:25 pm	12:15 am

NORTHBOUND.	
Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa .. 8:55 pm	7:00 am
Lv. Jacksonville .. 8:55 am	7:45 pm
Ar. Savannah .. 1:05 pm	11:59 pm
Lv. Charleston .. 5:30 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia .. 4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence .. 7:15 pm	2:55 am
Ar. Wilmington .. 12:45 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SAFFORD.

Westbound Eastbound	
Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wilmington .. 8:40 am	Ar. Saff. 8:05 pm
Lv. Fayetteville .. 12:10 pm	Ar. Saff. 4:45 pm
Ar. Sanford .. 1:40 pm	Lv. Saff. 8:30 pm

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Ar. Newbern .. 7:00 pm	Lv. Newbern .. 9:25 am

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Lv. Wilm'tn. 4:45 A. M. 3:00 P. M.
Ar. Lumb'tn. 7:11 A. M. 5:43 P. M.
Ar. Maxton. 7:52 A. M. 6:35 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet. 8:45 A. M. 7:30 P. M.
Lv. Hamlet. 9:05 A. M. 8:10 P. M.
Ar. Monroe. 10:50 A. M. 10:20 P. M.
Ar. Charlotte. 11:35 A. M. 11:30 P. M.
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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 19.
SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market, steady 36 3-4c.
ROSIN—Market, steady \$2.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.
TAR—Market, firm \$1.60.
CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm \$1.75 per barrel for hard; \$2.75 for dip and \$2.75 for virgin.
 Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine steady 41 1-2; rosin quiet \$2.10; tar nothing doing; crude turpentine firm \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$3.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine 11
 Rosin 302
 Tar 559
 Crude Turpentine 84
 Receipts—Same day last year, 21 casks spirits turpentine; 14 barrels rosin; 120 barrels tar; 9 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 8 1-4 cents for mid-land.
 Same day last year—Steady, 11 3-8 cents.
 Receipts—1,846 bales, same day last year 2,988 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, December 20th.)
PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65¢; extra prime, 75¢; extra, 80¢; Virginia, prime 60¢; extra, prime 70¢; Spanish, 75¢.
CORN—Firm, 37 1-2¢ per bushel for white; 32 1-2¢ for mixed.
N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, old 17¢, shoulders 11¢ @ 12 1-2¢; sides 12 1-2¢.
EGGS—Dull at 25¢ per dozen.
CHICKENS—Dull at 15¢ @ 25¢ for large springs; grown, dull, 35¢.
BEEF—Firm at 26¢.
TALLOW—Firm at 5¢ per pound.
BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2¢ per pound on foot.
HIDES—Dr. flint, 10¢; green, dull 7¢ per pound.
IRISH POTATOES—New 80 and 90¢ per bushel.
SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 50¢ per bushel for yams.
WOOL—Free of burr, 15¢; burry wool 10 to 12¢.
TURKEYS—On foot 12 to 13¢; 14 to 18¢ dressed. Dull demand.
GEESSE—Dull 50¢ per head; dressed 50¢.
PORK—Good demand 6 to 8¢; corn fed 8¢ for small pork.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
 New York, Dec. 19.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 2 to 4 points and sold 5 to 9 points net higher during the early session on continued covering for over the census report due on Monday morning, steady Liverpool cables, reports of a better trade outlook on the continent, talk of steadier spot markets in the south and bullish week end figures. Realizing by recent buyers checked the advance around 8.58 for January and 8.75 for May, but the untone was steady. The market closed barely steady net 2 to 6 points higher.
 Estimated receipts at the ports today were 56,799 bales against 55,978 last week and 54,737 last year. For the week 360,000 bales against 408,415 last week and 356,611 last year.
 Today's receipts at New Orleans were 6,537 bales against 15,915 last year and at Houston 11,840 bales against 9,597 last year.
 Spot cotton quiet 10 points higher; middling uplands 9.20; middling gulf 9.45; sales none.
 Futures opened steady and closed barely steady.

Month.	Open.	Close.
December	8.92	8.94
January	8.55	8.55
February	8.57	8.57
March	8.66	8.64
April	8.67	8.67
May	8.72	8.72
June	8.70	8.70
July	8.68	8.69
August	8.61	8.61
September	8.50	8.50
October	8.49	8.51

PORT MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Galveston—Firm, 8 3-4; net receipts 21,925; stock 271,117.
New Orleans—Quiet, 8 11-16; net receipts 6,537; stock 250,226.
Mobile—Steady, 8 9-16; net receipts 1,622; stock 77,307.
Savannah—Quiet, 8 5-16; net receipts 8,856; stock 170,351.
Charleston—Steady, 8 1-4; net receipts 480; stock 27,883.
Wilmington—Quiet, 8 1-4; net receipts 1,846; stock 19,416.
Norfolk—Easy, 8 7-8; net receipts 4,508; stock 50,834.
Baltimore—Nominal 8 7-8; stock 31,402.
New York—Quiet, 9.20; net receipts 270; stock 136,298.
Boston—Quiet, 9.20; net receipts 118.
Philadelphia—Quiet, 9.45; stock 6,200.
Pensacola—Net receipts 10,636.
 Total today, at all ports, Net 56,799; Great Britain 36,640; France 2,757; Continent 53,195; stock 1,101,430.
 Consolidated, at all ports, net 56,799; Great Britain 36,640; France 2,757; Continent 53,195.
 Total since Sept. at all ports, Net 5,746,375; Great Britain 1,612,584; France 583,594; Continent 1,792,007; Japan 54,638; Mexico 1,953.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 8 11-16; net receipts 11,840; stock 141,884.
 Augusta—Quiet, 8 7-8; net receipts 2,115; stock 99,422.
 Memphis—Quiet, 8 3-4; net receipts 3,940; stock 176,218.
 St. Louis—Dull, 9.00; net receipts 630; stock 26,739.
 Cincinnati—Net receipts 850; stock 18,357.
 Louisville—Firm, 9.00.
 Little Rock—Steady, 8 1-4; net receipts 1,146; stock 44,933.
 Total today—Net receipts 20,521; gross receipts 28,813; shipments 25,480; sales 3,387; stock 517,553.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
 Liverpool, Dec. 19.—Cotton: Spot in limited demand, prices 5 points higher. American middling fair 5.41; good middling 5.05; middling 4.87; low middling 4.66; good ordinary 4.16; ordinary 3.76.
 The sales of the day were 4,000 bales of which 200 were for speculation and export and included 3,500 American. Receipts 34,000 bales, all American.
 Futures opened and closed quiet. December 4.68 1-2; December and January 4.66 1-2; January and February 4.66; February and March 4.65 1-2; March and April 4.65; April and May 4.65; May and June 4.65 1-2; June and July 4.65 1-2; July and August 4.65; August and September 4.65; September and October 4.59; October and November 4.52; November and December 4.50; December and January 4.49 1-2; January and February (1910) 4.49.
 The percentage of actual reserve of the clearing house banks today was 26.22. The statement of banks and trust companies of Greater New York not reporting to the clearing house shows that those institutions have aggregate deposits of \$1,124,661,000; total cash on hand \$108,969,400 and loans amounting to \$1,047,342,600.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
 New York, Dec. 19.—The holiday trade in dry goods retail stores in the Metropolitan district was very good on the last days of the week. In the primary market values were steadier and the shipments of goods were being rushed out ahead of time by request principally of Western and Southern buyers. Linens are quiet and firm. Burlaps were easier during the week. The Indian mills are to close for a 12-day Christmas holiday. Fine and fancy cottons are moving quietly for the moment but the outlook for after the holiday trade is bright.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
 New York, Dec. 18.—There was a subsidence of the severe selling pressure in the stock market today and support seemed to be effective in sustaining prices. The demand did not prove aggressive and was backward in following any considerable advance in prices and the list weakened sharply at the end.
 The publication of a re-assuring statement from the president of the American Smelting and Refining Company seemed to check the liquidation in that stock and its recovery relieved the market from a source of sympathetic weakness. There was a conspicuous rise in the Colorado & Southern securities, embracing both the stocks and bonds, the latter making even more marked advances than the stocks.
 Foreign operators in American stocks were inclined to look for a bad effect from the expected weak bank statement and they sold stocks in this market, helping to the early tone of unsettlement. The American Railway Association's committee report another increase in the total surplus cars for the half month ending December 9th, amounting to 42,514, bringing the total of 175,643 up to the highest figures touched since September 2nd. The general distribution in the increase of idle equipment in all sections of the country gave an unfavorable idea of the progress of the railroad traffic.
 Bonds were strong. Total sales, per value, were \$4,300,000. United States 2s registered declined 1-4 per cent, on call during the week. Total sales today were 557,300 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
 New York, Dec. 19.—Money on call nominal. Time loans dull and steady. Sixty days and ninety days 3 1-2 per cent. Six months 3 3-4 to 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 to 4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange strong with actual business in bankers bills at 4.85 to 4.85 1-2 for sixty day bills and at 4.8705 to 4.8710 for demand. Commercial bills 4.34 3-4 to 7-8. Bar silver 48 1-2. Mexican dollars 45.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s reg 103
 U. S. refunding 2s cou 104
 U. S. 3s reg 100 3-4
 U. S. 3s cou 100 3-4
 U. S. 4s reg 120 1-4
 U. S. 4s cou 121
 Amr. Tobacco Co. 6s 108
 Atlantic Coast Line 4s b. 95 7-8
 Baltimore & Ohio 4s 100 3-4
 L. & N. Unified 4s 101 1-2
 Seaboard Air Line 4s b. 62
 Southern Railway 5s 108 1-2
 U. S. Steel 5s 102 1-4

Closing Stock Lists.

Amalgamated Copper 78 3-4
 Amr. Car & Foundry 45 3-4
 Amr. Car & Foundry pfd. 108
 Amr. Cotton Oil Co. 41 1-2
 Amr. Locomotive 54 1-2
 Amr. Smelting & Ref. 77 3-4
 Amr. Smelting & Ref. pfd. 100 1-2
 Amr. Sugar Refining 127
 Amr. Tobacco pfd. 91
 Atchafson 95 1-2
 Atchafson pfd 101 1-2
 Atlantic Coast Line 106
 Baltimore & Ohio 108 1-2
 Baltimore & Ohio pfd. 91 1-2
 Chesapeake & Ohio 55 3-4
 Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul 147
 Colorado Southern 58
 Erie 32 3-4
 Erie 1st pfd. 47 3-4
 Erie 2nd pfd. 38
 Great Northern pfd. 143 7-8
 Kansas City Southern 27
 Kansas City Southern pfd. 66 1-2
 L. & N. 121
 Norfolk & Western 84 3-4
 Northern Pacific 139 7-8
 Pennsylvania 128 1-2
 People's Gas 100 1-3
 Reading 138
 Rock Island Co. 22 1-4
 Southern Pacific 57 1-2
 Southern Pacific pfd. 117 3-4
 Southern Railway 122 3-8
 Southern Railway pfd. 24 3-8
 Standard Oil 168
 Union Pacific 178
 U. S. Steel 62 3-4
 U. S. Steel pfd. 111 7-8
 Va.-Car. Chemical 43 1-3
 Va.-Car. Chemical pfd. 113
 Western Union ex div. 66 5-8
 Westinghouse Electric Co. 86 1-4

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
 New York, Dec. 19.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week

shows that the banks hold \$10,009,700 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent. reserve rule. This is a decrease of \$6,889,925 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week. The statement follows:
 Loans \$1,315,980,100, decrease \$23,567,300; deposits \$1,358,912,400, decrease \$39,655,500; circulation \$46,612,100, increase \$123,100; legal tenders \$79,359,600, increase \$307,300; specie \$272,848,200, decrease \$17,118,600; reserve \$352,237,800, decrease \$16,841,300; reserve required \$342,228,100, decrease \$9,921,375; surplus \$10,009,700, decrease \$6,889,925; Ex-U. S. deposits \$12,583,575, decrease \$6,616,225.

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NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
 New York, Dec. 19.—Flour, dull and lower to sell.
 Rye Flour and Corn Meal—Steady.
 Buckwheat Flour, Buckwheat and Rye—Dull.
 Barley—Firm.
 Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red 1.05 3-4 to 1.07 1-4 elevator. Options 1-4 lower. Dec. 1.05; May 1.10; July 1.03 7-8.
 Corn—Spot easy; No. 2, 64 3-4 elevator. Options 1-3 to 1-4 lower. Dec. 65 3-5; May, July and Sept. 66 7-8.
 Oats—Spot steady; mixed 54 to 54 1-2.
 Lard, Pork and Tallow—Firm.
 Rice—Quiet.
 Molasses—Firm.
 Sugar—Ray easy; fair refining 3.23 to 3.27; confectioners A, 4.60.
 Coffee—Steady; Rio No. 7, 6 5-8; Santos No. 4, 7 7-8 to 8 1-8. Mild—Dull; Cordova 9 1-4 to 12 1-2. Futures closed steady net unchanged to 5 points net higher.
 Butter, Eggs and Cheese—Steady, unchanged.
 Peanuts and Freights—Quiet, unchanged.
 Potatoes—Steady.
 Cabbages—Prices unchanged.
 Cotton Seed Oil—Steady with a moderate speculative business. Prime crude 29 1-2; prime summer yellow 38 1-4 to 38 3-4; off summer yellow 38 to 38 1-4; good off summer yellow 37 1-2 to 38 1-4; prime white 38 1-2 to 41 1-2; prime winter yellow 43 to 46.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
 Chicago, Dec. 19.—Favorable conditions for harvesting in Argentina and a further break in the price of corn here had a depressing effect on the wheat market today, the closing being 1-2 to 5-8c below yesterday's final quotations. Corn and oats closed weak, and provisions were firm.

	Wheat	Opening	Highest	Closing
Dec.	1 00 1-4	1 04 1-4	1 06 1-8	1 05 1-8
May	1 05 5-8	1 05 5-8	1 05 5-8	1 05 5-8
July	97 1-2	97 1-2	97 1-2	97 1-2

	Corn	Dec.	May	July
Dec.	56 1-2	56 1-2	56	56
May	60 1-8	60 1-4	60 1-8	60 1-8
July	60	60 1-8	60 1-8	60 1-8

	Oats	Dec.	May	July
Dec.	48 1-2	48 5-8	48 1-2	48 1-2
May	50 3-4	50 7-8	50 7-8	50 7-8
July	45 3-8	45 3-4	45 3-4	45 3-4

	Mess Pork	per bbl.	Jan.	May	July
Jan.	15 82 1-2	15 85	15 80	15 80	15 80
May	16 15	16 17 1-2	16 15	16 15	16 15

	Lard	per 100 lbs.	Jan.	May	July
Jan.	9 22 1-2	9 22 1-2	9 22 1-2	9 22 1-2	9 22 1-2
May	9 42 1-2	9 45	9 45	9 45	9 45

wheat 1.5 to 1.07; No. 3 98 to 1.06;
No. 2 red 1.03 1-8 to 1.04; No. 2 corr
56 3-4 to 57; No. 2 yellow 56 3-4 to 57;
No. 2 oats 48 1-2; No. 3 white 50 to
50 1-2; No. 3 white 47 1-2 to 50; No. 2

rye 76 to 1-4; fair to choice malting	
58 to 63; No. 1 northwestern 1.47;	
prime timothy seed 3.85; clover, con	
tract grades 9.30; short ribs, sides	
(loose) 7.75 to 8.12 1-2; mess pork	

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
 New York, Dec. 19.—Rosin steady, turpentine quiet.
 Charleston, S. C., Dec. 19.—Turpentine firm 37 1-4; rosin firm. Quote: A. B. C. 2.80; D. 2.80; E. 2.80.
 Savannah, Ga., Dec. 19.—Turpentine firm 37 3-4 to 38; sales 818; receipts 472; shipments 1,615.
 Rosin firm; sales 3,003; receipts 2,989; shipments 634; stock 162,266.
 Quote: A. B. C. 2.90 to 2.92 1-2; D. 2.90 to 2.92 1-2; E. 2.90 to 2.92 1-2; F. 2.92 1-2 to 2.95; H. 3.35 to 3.40; I. 4.15; K. 5.10; M. 5.80; N. 6.15; WG. 6.40; WW. 6.50.

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Exports—Foreign.
 Glasgow—Br. str. Valhalla, 6,800 gum logs, valued at \$17,000, cargo by Acme Tea Chest Company, vessel by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Exports—Domestic.
 New York—Schr. Joel Cook, with cargo of 395,000 feet of lumber from the Hammer Lumber Company; vessel by C. D. Maffitt.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.
 Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 19, 1908.
 C. C. Railroad—5 bales cotton, 23

barrels tar, 11 barrels crude turpentine.
 W. & W. Railroad—436 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 22 barrels rosin, 4 barrels tar, 22 barrels crude turpentine.
 W. C. & A. Railroad—1,209 bales cotton, 3 barrels rosin, 82 barrels tar, 18 barrels crude turpentine.
 A. & Y. Railroad—172 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 181 barrels rosin, 76 barrels tar.
 Str. Alice—1 bale cotton, 1 barrel crude turpentine.
 Str. City of Fayetteville—23 bales cotton, 96 barrels rosin, 374 barrels tar, 32 barrels crude turpentine.
 Total—1,846 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 302 barrels rosin, 559 barrels tar, 84 barrels crude turpentine.

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Report of the Condition of
 The Southern National Bank, at Wilmington, in the State of N. C., at the close of business, November 27th, 1908.

RESOURCES:		
Loans and Discounts	\$ 957,110.34	
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	3,740.29	
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	200,000.00	
Other Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits	66,690.00	
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	4,550.35	
Bonds, securities, etc.	49,885.00	
Banking House, furniture and fixtures	5,000.00	
Other real estate owned	None	
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	\$257,757.34	
Due from State Banks and Bankers	178,985.30	
Due from approved reserve agents	197,699.23	
Checks and other cash items	5,397.66	
Notes of other National Banks	6,900.00	
Fractional Paper currency, nickels and cents	1,398.23	648,137.76
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	\$26,000.00	
Legal tender notes	40,000.00	66,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	10,000.00	
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent. Redemption fund	3,874.00	
Total	\$2,014,987.74	

LIABILITIES:		
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 200,000.00	
Surplus Fund	100,000.00	
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	33,032.35	
National Bank notes outstanding	200,000.00	
Due to other National Banks	\$484,033.15	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	459,199.01	
Due to 13 Trust Companies and Savings Banks	68,657.99	
Individual deposits subject to check	413,918.91	
Certified checks	1,071.25	
Cashier's checks outstanding	5,075.08	
United States Deposits	50,000.00	1,481,955.39
Bonds borrowed	None	
Notes and bills rediscounted	None	
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	None	
Total	\$2,014,987.74	

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss:
 I, C. N. EVANS, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 C. N. EVANS, Cashier.
 Correst—Attest:
 MATT J. HEYER,
 J. A. TAYLOR,
 ISADORE BEAR,
 Directors.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of Nov. 1908.
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TARIFF HEARING STILL BEING HELD

Timber Schedule Under Discussion Before The Committee.

NO TARIFF REDUCTION

On This Schedule Wanted by Mill Men Present—Filing at Low Tariff Men—Readjustment of the Cotton Schedule.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Washington, Dec. 19.—The timber schedule was again under discussion before the House Ways and Means Committee for a short time today. H. H. Tift of Tifton, Ga., who appeared at the request of the committee said the creation of forest reserves by the Government had had the effect of increasing the price of stumpage. He declared the Government gets the highest prices for what it sells.

Mr. Tift said that the lumber schedule should be left undisturbed, saying the free entry of lumber would not tend to conserve the American forests and that the consumers probably would get no benefit in the way of reduced prices. He admitted that he would be satisfied with the retention of the tariff on the low grades of lumber.

Chairman Payne asked Mr. Tift why the people of the South come before the committee and asked for higher duties than the people from any other section and then voted for a low tariff in the national election.

"Taft got 40,000 votes in Georgia, remarked the witness.

"Yes, but he should have gotten a majority."

"There was no campaign made for him," rejoined the witness.

John H. Finney, representing the Appalachian National Forest Association, urged the committee to take the duty off certain white pine seedlings which he said were needed for re-forestation, as this type of tree does not reproduce itself.

R. K. McLean of New York argued for a readjustment of the cotton schedule, claiming it should be simplified. He declared that if any changes are made in the rates of duty on cotton goods, they should be made gradually.

The testimony of E. D. Metcalf, of Auburn, N. Y., representing the International Harvester Company, was similar in many respects to that of Judge E. H. Garey, of the United States Steel Corporation yesterday. Mr. Metcalf said the company which he represented is so well entrenched in the agricultural implement business that it does not need the tariff and that it is immaterial to them how the tariff is changed. He did not deny that the International Harvester Company manufactures over 50 per cent. of the harvesters, mowers and reapers made in this country.

"Can you manufacture cheaper than the English and French manufacturers?" asked Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana.

"I think we can, from the fact that we can sell our goods in their countries. We have improved methods in all lines of manufacture in this country which benefits us in the manufacture of our goods."

"You haven't suffered any as a result of the tariff on steel and iron ore?" inquired Mr. Crumpacker.

"I can't see how the tariff can be held responsible for the fluctuation in the prices of steel and iron. It is due to the demand and supply."

Mr. Metcalf disagreed with the testimony of H. B. Miles, of the National Association of Manufacturers, and the complaints of several manufacturers of agricultural implements that the cost of materials entering in the manufacture of their products has increased. The witness declared that the prices of these raw materials had steadily decreased.

Representative Crumpacker championed the cause of the smaller manufacturers of agricultural implements, claiming that these small producers cannot compete with the International Harvester Company for the foreign business.

BOND IS ARRESTED

Wanted in Tennessee for Defrauding Bank—Was in Ontario.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 19.—Wearing a vest that was padded with \$50 and \$100 bills to the value of over \$6,000, B. B. Bond, of Nashville, Tenn., was arrested here today on a charge of obtaining between \$8,000 and \$9,000 by false pretenses from the First National Bank, Nashville.

Bond has been here since December staying at the best hotel under the name of "J. L. Jones." When arrested he said he would go back without waiting for extradition proceedings, but on advice of his lawyer decided to wait till Monday. He will then decide whether or not to fight extradition.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 19.—A telegram has been received here from Hamilton, Ont., stating that B. B. Bond, well known produce man of this city, for whom the officers of the Federal National Bank, of this city, and others offered \$10,000 has been arrested. It is alleged that in shipping a carload of stuff Bond would make duplicates of the bills of lading.

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BROKER FATALLY SHOT

Suydam Shot by John C. Lumsden, an Inventor and Native of This State—Once Lived in Wilmington.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 19.—Following an altercation over an alleged debt of \$650 incurred in connection with the financing of an Electric Vibration Company of which he was treasurer, Henry B. Suydam, a mining stock broker, member of the curb market, was shot in his office at 39 Broadway street today by John C. Lumsden, an inventor. Suydam was probably fatally wounded. Lumsden claimed that the money in question was due him and that an attempt was being made to defraud him of it.

The shooting, which followed a hand-to-hand encounter in which George A. Downs a young clerk, employed by Suydam joined, was witnessed from the street below by the three hundred fellow curb brokers of the victim, none of whom could reach the office in time to prevent it.

According to the story told by Suydam to the coroner and corroborated by Downs and the other occupants of the office at the time of the shooting, Lumsden, upon whose stock in the vibrator company Suydam obtained a loan, called this morning to demand an equivalent for the stock in question. It was explained to him that the money had been obtained by the company and for the use of the company and that consequently Suydam could not personally be held liable for it. This enraged Lumsden, it is said, and he demanded immediate payment, threatening to shoot Suydam there and then if what he considered his due was not paid over to him at once. The broker parleyed for a few minutes with Lumsden to gain time and seeing his opportunity threw both arms around him at the same time crying out to Downs: "For God's sake grab him, he's going to shoot."

Downs rushed to the assistance of his employer and grappling with Lumsden the three men scuffled together, falling against the window which shattered with the shock Lumsden reached under both arms of Downs who pinioned him and fired twice. Suydam, struck by both bullets, staggered and fell. One bullet entered the left chest above the heart and the other pierced the right side penetrating the liver and lung.

Lumsden, rescued from the hands of Suydam's friends by the police, explained the shooting by saying he had acted in self-defense. Suydam is married and lives in Plainfield, N. J., where he is a member of the common council and is well liked.

Lumsden, who is also married, gave Raleigh, N. C., as his home.

The Family in Raleigh.
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19.—Lumsden's family here are preparing to rally to the defense of John C. Lumsden, who fatally shot Harry Suydam, the curb broker in New York today. His father, C. F. Lumsden, was many years tax collector in Raleigh and is now junior warden of the strongest Masonic Lodge here. He was in Wayneville today and is en route to Raleigh, being a traveling salesman. He will confer with his brothers, R. E. Lumsden, of the U. S. Mail service, and L. H. Lumsden, a roofing and tinware manufacturer, who have considerable property. John's brother, Charles Lumsden, Jr., returned from New York yesterday, aware of John's having trouble with the brokers handling his message appliance but the news of the killing came as a great surprise and shock. It is said that Lumsden once lived in Wilmington and was connected with the Hollowbush orchestra.

Mrs. Lumsden at Spartanburg.
Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 19.—Mrs. J. C. Lumsden, wife of J. C. Lumsden, the inventor of a message device, who shot and dangerously wounded Henry B. Suydam, a mining stock broker in New York today, is in Spartanburg spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Lee Dunbar. When she read the Associated Press report of the shooting tonight she said it was the first she had heard of the affair, and that it explained a telegram she had from her brother, Lee Miller, who is also in New York. Her brother telegraphed that her husband was being temporarily held by the police as the result of a difficulty, but gave no details. Mrs. Lumsden remarked that she was glad it was the other man and not her husband who was wounded, and Mr. Suydam deserved it for the way he had treated Lumsden. She said she was familiar with the whole affair, but did not care to make any statement. Mrs. Lumsden left New York last week. She was Miss Cora Miller, of Anderson, S. C.

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Where Bullets Flew.
David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done more for me than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

Cars to the Beach.
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COL. TAYLOR WAS MAIN WITNESS

Rehearsal of Thrilling Story of Murder of Capt. Rankin, by Night Riders.

EVIDENCE FOR THE STATE

Almost Completed With Yesterday's Session—Frank Frehenger, Self-Confessed Night Rider to Go on Stand Monday.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Union City, Tenn., Dec. 19.—When court adjourned this afternoon until Monday the State had nearly completed its case against the eight alleged night riders now on trial for the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin.

On Monday it will put Frank Frehenger on the stand. He says he was present when the murder was committed and knows the name of every man who was present. After that, the State will merely fill in with corroborative testimony. The defense will depend solely upon alibis and for the purpose has summoned nearly a hundred citizens of the Reelfoot Lake disaster to testify as to the whereabouts of the indicted men on the night of October 19th.

The State through the evidence presented thus far has identified only three of the eight as present the night of the murder, Garrett Johnson, Tid Burton and Boy Ransom. It depends upon Frehenger to identify the others. Frehenger probably will be on the stand all day Monday and he is expected to reveal the oath, signs, passwords and the ritual of the riders. Unusual precautions will be taken in the court house while he is testifying to make sure that there is no demonstration against him.

Press Was Cautioned.
Following his caution to the press yesterday not to print the testimony in the night rider cases, Judge Jones today cautioned the ministers of the local churches not to refer to the case in their sermons Sunday, since the jurors might be present. He took no further action regarding the press, although he conferred personally with the correspondents of several State papers, impressing upon them the necessity of following out the court's orders.

Col. Taylor First Witness.
The first witness today was Colonel R. Z. Taylor, who was the companion of Captain Quentin Rankin, on the night of the murder of Rankin. Taylor is 63 years old, a veteran of the Confederate army and a wealthy man. He is tall, erect and soldierly, wears a gray beard neatly trimmed and does not show his age. Colonel Taylor was awakened at the hotel the night of the murder by Ward's call and the same instant a rear window of his room was raised. Two guns were thrust in, followed by two black masked heads. The night riders separated Taylor from Rankin and Taylor did not see Rankin from the time they left their room until he saw Rankin murdered. They told Taylor they proposed to kill him. When the night riders reached a forked ash tree in the bank of the slough they halted Taylor and marched Rankin to the foot of the tree. The rope was adjusted and thrown over the fork, some of the night riders said, "give him time to pray."

"I have attended to that," was Rankin's quiet reply.

Some of the masked band seized the rope and drew Rankin up. The tree was inclined a trifle and they raised the body until the toes scarcely touched the ground. From the lips of the swaying figure came the muffled appeal: "You are choking me, gentlemen; I pray you to let me down."

The one of the riders fired a shot into the body of Rankin even as he pleaded for his life. Instantly a fusillade came, most of the riders, however, shooting into the air.

Taylor turned to his captors and said: "I am tired, gentlemen, let me sit down."

He crouched to his knees, ready to spring. He waited until the guns were empty, then when the firing stopped he jumped into the waters of the slough. Instantly the firing was renewed. Taylor dived but heard the bullets striking the water. He swam under water to a big log. The bullets struck the log like hail but gradually they ceased. For two hours he lay in the water, grasping the log and when all sounds had ceased he swam to the opposite side and took to the woods. He hid in the cane break until Wednesday, when thirst drove him out and into the arms of his friends.

Plead to Save Rankin.
Just before the night riders killed Rankin, Taylor said: "Gentlemen, I am an old man. I cannot expect to live many years more. By killing me you will not be cheating me of much. But Captain Rankin is a young man with many years before him. Do not kill him."

The leader curtly replied: "Shut up."

Colonel Taylor was asked only one question on cross examination. Did he recognize any of the riders positively the night of the crime.

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SAMUELS-FLANNIGAN CASE.

The Evidence Concluded and Case to be Argued Tomorrow.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Danville, Va., Dec. 19.—The evidence was concluded today in the Samuels murder trial, and court adjourned until Monday when the attorneys will begin their arguments, after the instructions are passed upon. The session of the court today was taken up with the examination of witnesses for both sides as to the condition of the prisoner on October 24th when he shot and killed Sheriff W. H. Flannigan of Draper, N. C.

The defense's witnesses stated Samuels was under the influence of whiskey on that day and had for some time previous been drinking heavily. Commonwealth witnesses who talked with the prisoner a few hours before the tragedy, testified that he appeared to be sober.

Fourteen-year-old Jesse Griffith testified that Flannigan had his overcoat in one hand and his grip in the other when shot.

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